

VETS CCC CAMP BIRTHDAY PARTY TO DRAW CROWD

Feasting, Music, Sport And Liars' Contest on Program Saturday

All roads—and a lot of mountain trails to boot—will lead to the Veterans CCC camp Saturday for the all day celebration of the camp's first birthday, and the seventh anniversary of the founding of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The camp, located across the Hiwassee river from Murphy, will hold "open house" beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The day will be featured by a varied program in which music, athletic events, and a liars' contest will play a big part. There also will be speaking by County notables; but not too much. Mr. H. Bueck, superintendent of schools, who will act as master of ceremonies, has decided to gag any speaker who tries to talk more than five minutes.

However, everybody will be given a royal welcome by the boys who once laughed at Heinie's drum fire as they marched into the Hell of the Argentine singing a naughty song about "Marselle from Armentieres".

Original plans were to confine the liars' contest to the veterans. However, word came to Capt. George B. Graham, commanding the camp, that there are residents of Cherokee county who can put the best Vet liars to shame.

The vets doubt this. So does Capt. Graham. To settle the question once and for all, the Camp commander announced Wednesday night that the Liars' contest will be open to all comers. There will be no admission fee; no entry blank to sign; no formalities of any kind. Just get up on the platform and tell your biggest lie. There will be two prizes; maybe three.

Speakers on the program will pick the winner.

Another free contest, open to everybody in the county, is the selection of a name by which the Camp will be christened on Saturday. Send or mail your suggestion to Captain Graham, care of Veterans Camp No. 2450, Murphy, with a brief statement of explanation.

Names are limited to those of some noted person now dead, or to some famous landmark—Lovers' Leap, for example. The store of J. W. Lovin-good has donated a 15 pound "tenderized" ham to go to the winner.

There is one final reason why you should attend this celebration. At noon the vets will put on a feast—and what a feast.

Like everything else on the program, this too will be all free.

Peachtree Athletes "Hog" Tourney Honors

Following are the results of the finals in the baseball tournament held by the Cherokee County Elementary schools.

Boys, A:—Peachtree 39, Unaka 8; Boys B:—Peachtree 25, Walker 6; Girls A:—Martins Creek 19, Peachtree 13; Girls B:—Peachtree 32, Martins Creek 4.

Among the girls, the Misses Pipes, J. Carpenter, and L. Sneed all of Peachtree, won individual honors. Roy winners were Wilson, of Peachtree and Rose of Unaka.

Pie Eaters To Stage Feast at Peachtree

Sponsored by the Peachtree Home Demonstration Club, a pie supper will be given Friday night, April 5th at Peachtree school. Pie lovers will begin to do their stuff at 7:30 o'clock central time. In addition to pies of all kinds there will be a varied program of entertainment.

Says Miss Alline Richardson, County Home agent: "Tell your friends and neighbors to come and bring a pie—and be sure to come, yourself."

The money raised will be used by the club for community purposes.

ERNEST HAWKINS REPORTED SLAIN BUT HE DENIES IT

"Ernest Hawkins has been murdered". This was the startling news flashed around Murphy over the week-end.

Mr. Hawkins, who lives in East Murphy, spends much of his time running a shuttle block factory, at Blue Ridge, Ga. His murdered body was reported to have been found deep in the Georgia woods, a bullet in his brain.

The report gained credence when Mr. Hawkins could not be located, either at his Blue Ridge Factory, or here.

Workmen employed by Mr. Hawkins viewed the body of the murdered man, and tentatively identified it, but decomposition had set in and they were not certain.

Chief of Police Fred Johnson was preparing to drive to Blue Ridge to view the remains when Mr. Hawkins telephoned his family. He explained his absence by stating that he had been called away suddenly on business. He insisted he was very much alive. Later he came home, to prove it.

As the Scout goes to press the actual identity of the body found in the woods still is a mystery.

G. O. P. Of County Plan Convention Friday, April 12

Republicans of Cherokee County will hold their convention to nominate for county offices on Friday, April 12 at 10:00 a. m. C. S. T. in the court house.

A new chairman and other party officers, and delegates to the State convention and to the Congressional and Senatorial District conventions also will be named. Among the posts to be filled are those of State Representative, and various Township offices.

Precinct Conventions have been called for Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p. m. C. S. T. when delegates to the County convention will be selected.

The keynote speaker for the convention has not yet been selected. Effort is being made to secure a prominent speaker, and Republicans of the county have been promised a good program.

Softball Teams Win Two At Robbinsville

Murphy high school softball aggregations turned in a double win over the Robbinsville lads and lassies Tuesday on the Robbinsville field. In the first game the Murphy girls slugged out a 20-14 victory, due to the heavy hitting of Nellie Davis and Ethel Zimmerman. Conley and Turpin led the losers' batting attack.

Earl "Flash" Martin kept the Robbinsville boys at bay with his stellar twirling when the boys met. Only by the grace of a Murphy error did the losers' score as Murphy triumphed 18 to 1. Olen McDonald garnered three hits and Greene, O. Davis, and Clay accounted for two each. For Robbinsville, Hyde was the only player who could gather more than one bingle.

Mauney Quits Store To Accept Postal Job

The steadily constructive work of George Mauney as manager of Wofford Terrell's big jobbing house in Murphy comes to a close Saturday. Mr. Mauney has resigned to carry the U. S. Mails on Murphy Route No. 2.

He will begin his new duties Monday, April 8. He received the appointment several days ago, following a competitive examination. For the present, management of the store, will be in the hands of Mr. Walter C. Witt, long in the real estate business here, and Mr. J. L. Abernathy.

DATE MOVED UP FOR CONTEST TO BEAUTIFY HOMES

Judging Now Set For Sept. 15—Fat Prizes To Go To Winners

Plans have been changed for the county wide home beautification contest, which is free, and in which more than \$100 in prizes will be given to those householders who make the most improvement in their places at the least expense.

Instead of continuing until next year, the contest will come to a close on September 15; just before the opening of the Cherokee County Fair.

Also no letters or invitations will be mailed out.

Instead, an entry blank is printed elsewhere in this newspaper. Fill in this coupon and mail it to Mrs. B. E. Warner, Murphy, N. C. That's all that is necessary.

If your neighbor does not subscribe to this paper, but wishes to enter the contest, he or she can do so by going to the Court house and seeing Miss Alline Richardson, in charge of Home Demonstration Club Work, or County Agent A. Q. Ketner. Either of these also will be glad to give you full details and also advice.

All the women's organizations throughout the county as well as the County agent and Miss Ida Belle Entz-kin, Murphy Librarian, are cooperating to make the contest a success. It is hoped to stage a similar contest every year.

It is pointed out that those who enter the contest not only may win big financial reward, but are absolutely certain to profit through happier and more comfortable living.

The chief requirements necessary to win are "painting up", making minor repairs, and improvement of lawns.

Rules published last week specify that only homes visible from the highway would be eligible. This has been changed. Any and every home in the county is not only eligible, but more than welcome.

Turn to the entry coupon, on another page of this paper right now; sign it and send it in. Then get some paint, a hammer and nails, and some grass and flower seed, and get busy.

You'll be doing the whole county—including yourself, a good turn.

ATHLETES FEAST ON PROCEEDS OF FACULTY GAMES

The Murphy basketball squads were honored last week at a banquet made possible from the proceeds of the Faculty—student body games previously. The feast was prepared and served by the Home Economics class under the direction of Miss Benton.

The guests and speakers included H. Bueck, K. C. Wright, H. G. Elkins, and T. W. Kindley, Coaches Higdon and Pitzer, Manager Charles Sneed who turned in the star performance of the night, and players Ethel Zimmerman, Nelle Ames, Eugene Mal-lonee, and Fred Scroggs.

The banquet was followed by dancing.

4-H Club Schedule Announced For April

Following is the 4-H club schedule for April. The program to be carried out will deal with home beautification.

Monday, April 8: Andrews, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Tuesday, April 9: Martins Creek at 8:30 a. m. and Suit at 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday, April 10: Peachtree at 9:45 a. m. and Grandview at 1 p. m.

Thursday, April 11: Murphy, Ninth Grade girls and all boys at 9:30 a. m.; Eighth Grade girls at 10:30 a. m.

4 NEW MEMBERS ARE ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Four veterans have retired, and four new outstanding citizens have been elected to fill their places on the Murphy School Board. The new members are J. D. Mallonee, Jr., and W. Sheridan Dickey, of Murphy; John Keener, of Tomotla, and P. A. Mauney of Kinsey.

Retiring are: Dr. J. N. Hill, Walter Mauney, T. S. Evans and H. G. Crawford. Two old members, Dr. Farker and Harve Elkins continue to serve.

The new Board met Thursday and elected Mr. Mallonee chairman.

The new Board will seem strange without Dr. Hill.

He has been a member for 13 years, and several times served as chairman. Two years ago, and again in 1939 he tendered his resignation, but was persuaded to withdraw it. This time however, he insisted.

"The post is an important one, and deserving constant attention," he explained. "And it has become impossible for me to fill it as I should, so it is best that I stand aside. I honestly feel that some one else can serve the people better."

Four Huge Signs To Boost Murphy On Tourist Lanes

Four giant signs, eight by 20 feet each, soon will advertise Murphy on the highways most traveled by tourists from Atlanta, Asheville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. Contract for painting and erecting the signs was let this week by the Chamber of Commerce and they will be in place before the tourist caravans begin to roll.

The signs will be blue and white, and will bear the words: "Murphy, N. C. Home of Hiwassee Dam". The lettering will be so large that the signs can be read easily, at 60 miles an hour.

Also, superimposed on each of the signs will be smaller ones, measuring four feet square, bearing the words: "World's Highest Overflow Dam."

After a week of bargaining with a Chattanooga advertising firm, Dr. Elmer Holt, Chamber vice president, Attorney Fred Christopher, Chamber secretary, and Mr. C. W. Savage got the price down to \$54 each. The Chamber, of course will foot the bill.

The signs will be placed near Sevierville, Tenn., on the new highway now being built from Marietta, Ga.; near Bryson City, and near Chattanooga, Tenn.

Merchants All Plead Guilty In "Slot Machine" Cases

With a dozen or more prominent men under indictment because they allowed licensed slot machines to be played in their places of business, only Ralph Jacobs and the representatives of the company owning the machines were placed on trial before Judge Rousseau in Circuit court Wednesday.

Boht were found guilty, at what practically was an order from the Bench. Twice the jury came back for instructions. One juror was holding out for acquittal. After the verdict Judge Rousseau ordered this juror to go and get his pay, and "don't come back."

Sentence was deferred until Thursday morning. Meanwhile, however, the other defendants agreed to plead guilty, and Mr. Jacobs also changed his plea. Previously he had planned to appeal.

The result of the whole guilty pleas was that all were fined the costs. The confiscated slot machines were destroyed Thursday afternoon.

The opening days of the court were occupied chiefly with drunken and

PETITION TO ASK RE-SURVEYING OF DUCKTOWN ROAD

Cooperation of Every Town In Section Is Believed Assured

A petition will soon be circulated by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce asking Road Supervisor McKee for a new road to Ducktown, connecting with the highway into Chattanooga.

For the first time in the history of this section, it is believed, the plan will have the united backing of Andrews, Bryson City, Sylva, Waynesville and even Asheville. It also is believed that the plan will find favor with Mr. McKee.

According to President P. B. Ferebee, of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., who was in Chattanooga this week, the Tennessee authorities plan to start at once regrading, widening and resurfacing the highway from the Tennessee City almost to Ducktown.

"That means lots of tourist travel over the highway", Mr. Ferebee said, "but the road from Ducktown to Murphy is so narrow, so twisting, and so badly in need of repairs that motorists don't want any part of it. Instead they turn off and go to Gatlinburg."

"If we can get a good, wide, fairly straight highway, they will come to Murphy. Then they will come on to Andrews, and up through the Nantahala Gorge to Asheville."

"All told, a new road will help this entire section. For that reason we can count on all the towns getting together to put the plan through, and I believe Mr. McKee will be most sympathetic."

"The road from Andrews to Topton already has been rerouted, and will be straightened and improved. A little effort I believe, will bring a similar result on the road from Murphy to Ducktown."

Mr. Ferebee's plan met with enthusiastic approval by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce heads, and no time will be lost in getting busy.

TVA Towers Blasted In Sabotage Outrage

In what is believed to have been an attempt by disgruntled former workmen to cripple the big plant at Copperhill, Tenn., two TVA towers were blown up with dynamite Sunday night.

Towers at Parksville, Tenn., and Blue Ridge Ga., both with lines leading into Copperhill were blasted. TVA workers got busy immediately however, and exactly four hours and 15 minutes after the explosions service was normal again.

reckless driving cases, with which the docket was crowded. Nearly all were found guilty and fined, and some were given road sentences in addition.

J. V. Palmer and Doug Wheeler, were each given two years in the penitentiary for stealing cigarettes from the depot in Andrews. Later, however it was brought to the attention of Judge Rousseau that Wheeler had been the first to confess, and had told where some of the loot had been sold, so that it was soon recovered. Accordingly the court cut Wheeler's sentence to 18 months.

Otis White, Luther Wheeler and Ralph Barber, the alleged accessories, were fined the costs and given their choice of 18 months on the roads or suspended sentences of five years each. They chose the latter.

Floyd Hedden and Gilbert Hall, two youths of Andrews faced the court, charged with robbing McGuire's service station. They were convicted and sentenced to 60 days each on the roads.