

IT'S YOUR DUTY TO REGISTER AND VOTE

Only two more days remain, after you get this newspaper, for you to register for the forthcoming State and County elections. No excuses will be accepted for failure to go to your proper place, and sign. If you don't register, you definitely will not be allowed to vote.

Whichever party you "belong to", you owe it to that party, and yourself to register, and later to vote. You certainly cannot help your party, or yourself, by staying at home.

If you like the present regime, help keep the leaders in office by casting your vote for them. If you want a change, vote against them. But in any event, VOTE.

Over in Europe, and in a good many of the republics of South America, elections are pretty much a farce. All too frequently, in Latin America, the so-called republics are really only half-concealed dictatorships. Some General with a majority of the army backing him, takes over the presidency at an election in which his own soldiers watch the polls, and his own soldiers count the votes. Once in power he and his crowd usually stay there until he is chased out of the country by a revolution.

It is the same in Nazi Germany—only worse. There Hitler calls regular elections, true enough, but it wouldn't be exactly safe to vote against him.

Incidentally, it is equally unsafe, in Nazi Germany, not to vote at all. Failure to cast a ballot is regarded as disapproval.

Here at home, no one can force you to vote. Failure to do so, however, is an evidence of indifference to public welfare.

You owe it to yourself, to your neighbor and to the country at large, to vote in every election. That way, and in that way only, can we really have a government for, of, and by the people.

So once more we urge you—Don't fail to vote.

And to be able to vote, go and register—and DO IT NOW!

DEATH STRIKES T. W. DOCKERY AS HE SITS IN CAR

T. W. Dockery, 74, well known citizen of the Tipton-Rhodo section of the county went to sleep Friday night while waiting in the car of a nephew, a Mr. Sylvester of Graham County, who was visiting in the home of a Mr. Postell near Tipton.

When Mr. Sylvester returned to the car, he saw that Mr. Dockery was in a reclining position and supposed that he was asleep. Rather than disturb the old gentleman, the nephew started in the direction of Mr. Dockery's home, which he makes with one of his sons.

On the way, young Sylvester attempted to awaken Mr. Dockery by talking to him. Failing to get any response he finally stopped the car and made another attempt to awaken him by shaking him. This also failed, so Mr. Sylvester drove to the home of Nathan Dockery, a son of the passenger. There it was found that the elderly rider was dead. He is believed to have been the victim of an acute heart attack.

Mr. Dockery, who survived his wife by several years, was buried from the Red Marble Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will be remembered by his friends and neighbors as a good citizen. He was a timber contractor and saw miller.

Mrs. Dickey Rallies From Doors of Death

Reported only a few minutes from death on Wednesday night, Mrs. Edgar Dickey, who has been ill for a week from pneumonia, rallied and as the Scout goes to press, is reported as probably being on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Dickey was stricken at her home in Culerson, but was removed to the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Bascomb Carroll, in Murphy, where she is now under treatment.

COOPER IN TOWN; PLEDGES SLASH IN CAR TAG RATE

Candidate Also Lashes Out At Sales Tax As Impost on Poverty

Tom Cooper, Mayor of Wilmington, and Democratic candidate for Governor, brought his sound truck campaign to Murphy Tuesday morning. Speaking at the Square, Cooper called for a flat charge of \$5 for tags for all automobiles and light pick-up trucks.

"There is no sense" he said in the State charging two prices when it already has more than twice as much as it needs to retire every outstanding term bond.

"Another thing I am going to do when I am elected Governor," he said, "is to see that the people are given 30 days grace after January 1 to buy these tags. At Christmas time



a fella likes to give the wife and children a good time; and then around comes January 1 and he doesn't have any money to buy a tag, and the State Highway patrol runs him off the highway.

"If I am elected, we are going to give the people of the state 30 days grace to buy these tags. This won't cost the State a dime. Instead it will make money, for during those 30 days the people will be burning gasoline and paying the State six cents a gallon tax."

Cooper lashed out at the sales tax as "a tax on poverty" and promised if elected, to see that it is eliminated.

"I want to be frank with you," he said. "This slick-tongued bunch of high powered lawyer lobbyist-politicians have this abominable sales tax so deeply imbedded in the revenue bill I don't believe it is possible to get it all off at once. If I am elected Governor, I am going to see that the sales tax is reduced one-half percent every two years until it is gone."

Only 19 Farmers In Cherokee Fail To Sign With A.A.A.

A total of 1520—all but 19 of the 1939 farms in Cherokee County will cooperate in the 1940 Agricultural Conservation program, according to figures made public this week by County Agent, A. Q. Ketner. This is an increase of 340 over those who earned payments under the Tripple A last year.

Mr. Ketner expressed himself as highly pleased by the increased interest shown in this county. Cherokee stood well to the front in the entire State in its percentage of participation. Indeed, among Counties having more than 1500 farms, only Franklin and Martin made better records. In Franklin, with 2902 farms all but eleven signed up for the tripple-A. In Martin with 1608 farms, all but 15 signed up.

Clay County, with 798 farms showed 777 participating in the 1940 program leaving 21 who failed to join.

Only one perfect record was made in the State. That was Perquimans County, where every one of its 905 farms were signed.

WEAVER ENROUTE TO MEND FENCES; CATHEY DUE SOON

Coming on a "fence mending trip," Congressman Zebulon Weaver, seeking renomination in the Democratic primaries, was expected in Murphy Thursday evening. The long-time Representative of this district in Washington was expected to spend two, and perhaps three days consulting his aides and visiting his many friends in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

His campaign in Cherokee County is being managed by Charley Mayfield, President of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce, and a Weaver friend and supporter of long standing.

Judge Sam Cathey, of Asheville, who is giving Weaver a hard race for the nomination also is expected in Murphy either Saturday or Monday, and also will make a tour of the three counties.

Judge Cathey is reported to have developed surprising strength, having the alleged support of the powers-that-be in Bancroft county, and claiming the backing of some of the biggest industrial companies in this section. His affairs in Cherokee are being handled by a committee who prefer that their names not be mentioned.

"G" Men To Press Kidnaping Charges In Ranger Outrage

Robert Raper, 30 year old Athens, Tenn. man who stole an automobile, kidnaped 15 year old Pauline Rose from near Blue Ridge, Ga., brought her to Ranger and criminally attacked her, was taken back to Athens, Tenn. this week just a few hours before "G" men from the F. B. I. came here for him.

Raper gladly waived extradition on a charge of automobile theft, telling Sheriff Carl Townson he would be "glad to get back to Tennessee, away from the mess about the girl." However, the hulking boasting convict has not gotten away from anything.

The "G" men pointed out that when Raper drove the stolen car from Tennessee through Georgia into North Carolina he "buried" the Tennessee State case under a Federal charge. They added, however, that this was a minor matter.

The "G" men interviewed the 15 year old girl victim, who told them Raper had driven up while she was walking home, outside Blue Ridge, offered her a lift, and then brought her by a circuitous route to Ranger where he parked the car, and held her prisoner behind a secluded barn. He kept her two days. She said that Raper had stripped her of her clothes and attacked her, threatening that unless she did everything he asked she "would never see home again."

The girl was rescued when Sheriff Townson, driving in the Ranger section on another case, noticed the hood of the shining new stolen car, protruding slightly from behind the barn, and investigated.

Lodged in the County jail at Murphy, Raper boasted of what he had done to the girl, taking bestial delight in the fact that he had despoiled her innocence.

The "G" men took affidavits from three prisoners to whom Raper had boasted; and later announced that the fiend would be tried on charges of kidnaping and rape. The penalty for either may be death.

Meanwhile the 15 year old victim has been taken back to her Blue Ridge farm home, by her parents.

Loan Papers Ready For Tenant Farmers

Farm Security Administration is receiving applications from farm tenants who want to purchase farms next year.

Wayne L. Franklin, Supervisor for Cherokee County has announced that applications may be filed now in the FSA office at the Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina.

The loans will be made from a Federal fund of \$50,000,000.

HORTON TO HEAD 3 COUNTY RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

Candidate to Speak in County Court House, 7 P. M. Central Time

Democrats of three counties are expected to gather at the Court House in Murphy Saturday night, May 11, to hear an address by Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor. The rally is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock, Central Time.

It probably will be Horton's last appearance in this section of the State before the primaries on May 25 (and he is expected to make a rousing speech. He will outline his platform, and then is expected to lay himself "wide open" to possible hecklers by inviting questions from the audience.

Li. Governor Horton's campaign



is being handled in Cherokee County chiefly by C. D. Mayfield, who says he is willing to bet real money that his candidate will either win the nomination or be one of those in the run-over. With five candidates in the field it is generally admitted that a run-over is almost certain.

Although coming to Murphy, Horton's visit is to be a tri-county affair, and posters advertising the "rally" have been scattered through Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. In addition, more than 100 special invitations have been sent out by Mr. Mayfield through the mails.

Li. Governor Horton, though a native of Pittsboro, in the Eastern part of the State is well known throughout this section where he often has visited. In his race for the Lieutenant Governorship he carried all three counties by a huge majority.

A lawyer by profession, Li. Governor Horton has a legislative background of service both in the State House and the State Senate before being elevated to his present post.

James M. Howard, 85, Dead On Slow Creek

Death came last Monday to put an end to the long illness and suffering of James Monroe Howard, 85 year old resident on Slow Creek. He was buried Wednesday afternoon from the Peachtree Methodist church, with interment in the churchyard cemetery. Ivie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Active pall bearers were: Raymond Arrowood, I. N. Wilson, Vernon Parker, Joseph Radford, Walter Witt and Ransie L. Witt. Honorary pallbearers were Ben Hardin, J. W. McMillian, Carl and Hubert Ledford, Jim McCombs, Frances Johnson, and Barney Cox.

Mr. Howard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Edge Howard; a daughter, Mrs. A. K. Ledford of Murphy, Route 2; and three sons, E. A. and W. Arthur, of Peachtree and J. M. Howard of Washington D. C. He also is survived by a brother, Lewis C. Howard, of Peachtree, and several grandchildren.

CIRCUIT SERVICES

Church services on the Murphy Methodist Circuit will be held in Culberson at 11 A. M. Sunday morning; in Tomotla at 3 P. M. and in Hampton Memorial church at 7:30 P. M.

BUMPER CARDS CARRY MURPHY'S GLORIES ABROAD

Every "Foreign" Car Is Made A Messenger; Circulars Out Soon

Every "foreign" car that stops in Murphy, from now on, will carry away an advertisement of the town in the form of gay colored bumper cards. The Chamber of Commerce had 1000 of these cards printed by the Cherokee Scout, as the first step in a campaign to tell the world about Murphy.

The second step will take the form of a folder of facts and photographs, which will come from the presses of the Scout within the next few days. The folders, put out in a form easy to handle and read, but opening out to a full size of 12 by 18 inches, will include eight photographs of scenic beauties near Murphy, and on Hiwassee Lake. There also will be a large photograph of the Hiwassee Dam, specially taken for the Chamber by a U. S. Government photographer.

Some of the scenes also were especially taken by the N. C. State Department of Conservation. Two notably artistic pictures, one showing a wide white ribbon of road following a curve of the Valley River, and the other showing a little waterfall cascading down a rocky mountainside, were taken by Crisp, the Murphy photographer.

The photographs and the texts explaining them and telling some of the advantages of the town as a place to visit or live, will be printed on a heavy enameled paper of azure blue. The printing will be black and the blue background will give the effect of a lithograph. The Scout is honestly proud of its part in getting out this folder. The editor believes that the Chamber and the Town at large also will be proud.

There will be 2500 of these folders, which will be sent all over the nation. Advance requests for them already are pouring in on Fred Christopher, Secretary of the Chamber. It may be necessary to print more.

The forthcoming folder is intended chiefly for prospective summer visitors. It will tell of the fishing, boating, swimming and camping possibilities of Hiwassee Lake; with its 65,000 acres of pure mountain water, and its 150 miles of shore line. It will tell briefly of the dam itself, the highest overflow structure in the world, and will tell of the famed beauty spots at Murphy's very door.

It also will tell of the fascinating charm of Murphy as a town, and of the warm welcome it holds out to every visitor. It will not overlook the fact—which may prove interesting to some industrialist, or home builder—that Murphy, thanks to the TVA, has the lowest cost electric power in the entire State.

Later the Chamber plans to put out another circular intended solely for business men, which will stress the industrial advantages of the section.

The automobile bumper cards, which have been placed in the hands of every merchant and filling station in or near town, are of six different bright colors. "MURPHY, N. C." is printed in huge black letters with the words "Boating and Fishing" in smaller type on either side.

Below are the lines: "On Hiwassee Lake; Home of Hiwassee Dam, Highest Overflow Dam in the world; Southern Entrance to the Great Smokies National Park."

That seems like a lot of words—but the bumper cards are easily read from a considerable distance, and the motorists who have received them seem well pleased to carry Murphy's message abroad in the land.

Unhappily, however, some of those who have been given cards for distribution among visitors, have been too generous. Yielding to pleas, they have given the cards to local abolitionists and even to boy and girl bicyclists.

The Chamber appreciates the implied compliment paid in desiring the cards, but it has asked the Scout to (Continued on Editorial page)