

SCORES IGNORED IN TOWN CENSUS, REPORTS STATE

Failure to List All May
Prove Most Costly
To Civic Welfare

The population census of Murphy is supposed to have been completed some time ago. Nevertheless, every few days, some citizen comes to the Scout office and complains that he has not been listed.

Neither has the Editor of the Scout been listed, nor his wife; nor one of his employees. Neither has Dr. Bryan Whitfield. Neither has Dr. Elmer Holt. Neither has Henry Axley.

Also according to reports reaching this writer, there are "nearly 100" residents of Factorytown whom the enumerators have not seen.

This newspaper has no way of ascertaining the exact records. What is written is based on hearsay. If this letter is true, however—and there seems no reason why the persons informing this writer should twist the facts—the town is being done a grave injustice.

Nobody expects Murphy to show as large a population as it did when the horde of TVA employees were here. Nevertheless there is good reason to believe that the town will show a larger population that it did during the last census, in 1930.

It is vital to the welfare of the town that it does. A town that is losing population is a town that is dying. It not only cannot attract tourists or new residents. It actually is shunned.

A decrease in population under the 1930 figures might easily cost the town its mail carriers, for city delivery. It certainly would tend to decrease the value of real estate.

We want the town census to show every man, woman and child who lives here. To omit a single name is unthinkable.

Rites Held At Marble For John Palmer, 47

Funeral services for John Palmer, 47, who died in Raleigh last Friday, were held at the home of his brother, Worth Palmer, in Marble Sunday morning. The Rev. Algie West officiated.

Mr. Palmer, who had been ill several years, is survived by two brothers, Worth and Vester, of Marble and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Ladd, of Dan Mateo, Fla. She came to Marble for the funeral.

Atlantians Join Our Battle For Improved Ga. Highway

Although the fight to get a better road from here to Atlanta seems to have weakened locally, it still is being carried on by merchants in the Georgia capital, who realize the ever increasing danger of a trade boycott by this section.

Such a boycott, of course, would be more a matter of necessity than choice. But it is indisputably true that residents of this section cannot afford to use a road that has long been terrible and now is getting dangerous, as well.

Just this week, the wife of this writer suffered a blow-out caused by going over a deep rut she could not avoid. Outside the cost of a new tire and new tube, the mishap might have cost her life. There have been any number of wrecks due to the almost unspeakable condition of this road, and the route is getting steadily worse.

Following is a copy of a letter from the realty firm of I. McGuire, in Atlanta, which shows the interest business men of that city are taking in the situation.

Dear Sir: I wish to commend you in the highest terms for the article in your edition of May 1st regarding the deplorable condition of the road be-

MURPHY SPLITS TWO SLUGFESTS AGAINST GRAHAM

Defeat Robbinsville on
Their Grounds, Then
Lose Out At Home

Murphy entered the Tri-State League by breaking even in a two game series with Robbinsville last Saturday and Sunday. A four way tie exists for second place while the Blue Ridge outfit rests on the top rung.

Blue Ridge furnishes the opposition for the Murphy team Saturday at the fair grounds at 3 o'clock.

Behind by 11-3 at the seventh inning Saturday at Robbinsville, the Murphys tallied four runs and then broke loose with 15 more in the eighth.

Home runs by Akin, Mallonee, and Pitzer featured the assault on two enemy pitchers. Ruel Parker relieved McDonald in the fifth inning and gained credit for the victory. Pitzer with four hits and Tate and D. Parker with three hits each led the batting parade.

The opening home game Sunday found the locals losing a 14 to 10 game. Russell was nipped for five runs by Robbinsville in the first stanza. Murphy tallies six times in the fifth aided by home runs by Barton and Percy and then went ahead by 9 to 8 but Robbinsville came back to chalk up six runs in the final three frames.

A threatening Murphy rally in the ninth ended with the bases loaded.

The first week-end of play in the newly formed league finds Blue Ridge atop the standings by virtue of a lone victory over Morganton. The Sunday game at Blue Ridge was postponed, because the ball park was unfinished.

Hayesville and Hiwassee split a two game series with each team winning at home. Hiwassee took an 11 to 5 victory Saturday and Hayesville retaliated Sunday before the home folks with a 14 to 7 contest.

The standings:

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Blue Ridge	1	0	1000
Murphy	1	1	500
Hayesville	1	1	500
Robbinsville	1	1	500
Hiwassee	1	1	500
Morganton	0	1	500

Saturday—Blue Ridge at Murphy; Robbinsville at Hayesville; Hiwassee at Morganton.

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People, Spots In The News



WHEN BOMBERS FALL . . . Whole row of houses at Clacton-on-Sea, England, was wrecked when huge German bombing plane crashed and exploded, killing five persons, four of them crew members, and injuring 90 residents.



HAPPY CHAMP . . . Low Jenkins, spindleg-legged but dynamite-fisted boxer from Sweetwater, Tex., did a joy-dance as glove was held aloft signaling his amazing third-round knockout of Lou Ambers to win world lightweight title.

PEACE ON EARTH . . . That's what millions of fortunate Americans were finding in their gardens and farms as cannon rumble abroad. Bumper 1940 crop of new garden gadgets is typified by water, acid and spotproof back-to-soil togs in flower prints for women, and by new aluminum seeder, 51 pounds lighter than old type, to ease planter's backstrain.

Flood Of Troubles Beset Scout As It Goes In New Home

This week's Scout comes to you after trials and tribulations that have made every one connected with the paper wish he or she had never heard of the printing business. The reason is that the Scout has moved to new quarters, in the basement under Davison and Melver's store.

The new home is far superior, in every way to the old one; but moving all the complicated and delicate machinery was a heart breaking task. We began to move last Friday morning.

Parts of the linotypes got broken, requiring a hurried trip to Atlanta for replacements, and many hours of expert and expensive work. There was trouble with the new wiring. In short there was trouble everywhere.

Everybody knows that "three moves are equal to one fire"—but when a newspaper plant is involved, ONE move is equal to THREE fires. The only difference is that had there been a fire, we would have collected insurance. As it was we had to put out several hundred dollars.

However, by the end of this week, the plant will not only be ship-shape but in better condition than in years. Every single piece of machinery has been overhauled and put in the best possible working order.

The Scout is now prepared to put out the finest printing in this section of the State.

Meanwhile we hope you will excuse this week's delay. It could just not humanly be helped.

Municipal Survey Begun In Murphy As WPA Project

The WPA is conducting a municipal study of the city governments in Cherokee county, with Mrs. Iva Galusha of Andrews in charge. The survey was completed several days ago for Andrews and is being made for Murphy.

The study started at Andrews about March 1 and consisted of the collection of data on every phase of the municipal government. Organization of departments was studied in detail. A thorough analysis of personnel was made, and details of duties, powers, salaries and limitations of each officer were collected.

The same will be done in Murphy. Special study will be made of tax structures. Budgets and audits will be analyzed.

Scientist Here Lays 'Balds' To Huge Armies of Wasps

Wayah Bald, in this section, has been used as the basis of a study by Dr. W. A. Gates, Louisiana State University, who now advances an entirely new opinion as to the cause of the "balds".

Studying the Wayah and Wine San Balds Dr. Gates discovered huge armies of wasps at work. His conclusion was that the wasps were responsible for the bald conditions.

This particular wasp, it seems, lays its eggs at approximately a mile high, on the oak trees. The wasps

ALL ROADS LEAD TO STATE POLLS FOR PRIMARIES

Ballotting of 2 Parties
For County Offices
Largely Formality

polls Saturday, Tuesday, and Sunday for National, State, and County offices. As a result of a late calling for a new registration it is believed that the vote in Cherokee county may be less than in other years.

The county primary in Cherokee is little more than a formality for both parties. Republicans and Democrats both have chosen their slates, long since.

Much interest centers in the gubernatorial race, in which there is almost certain to be a run-over. One man's guess is about as good as another's as to what the final count will tell. In this county Broughton and Horton seem to be the favorites.

Henry Verill, Raleigh correspondent for 16 North Carolina newspapers, rates the candidates as follows:

Broughton, Maxwell, Horton,

Cravie, Cooper, Grady and Simmons.

Another hot race, directly concerning this county, is for the Democratic nomination for Congress. Zeb Weaver, the incumbent, is being given a hard fight by Sam Cathey, blind judge of Asheville. Charley Mayfield, of Murphy, Weaver manager of this section says his man will win with votes to spare.

However, the Cathey forces are reported to have gotten considerable financial backing, especially in Buncombe and Haywood counties. Cathey says he will carry Buncombe, and has a good chance in Haywood. His backers are offering odds that he will carry Andrews, but admit the race throughout the rest of the county, and in Graham and Clay will be close.

Several of the races may be affected by a drastic change made in the use of markers. Under the new law, the only voters who may be assisted in marking their ballots are those who cannot read and write, and those who are unable to mark ballots by reason of physical handicaps, such as blindness, paralysis and other disabilities.

Some illiterates may be forbidden to vote at all, for an official opinion by the Attorney General holds that assistance may be given only to those registered under the Grandfather clause of the Constitution.

Even where a voter is entitled to assistance, the old system of having ballots marked by workers for this or that candidate is practically dead. Instead, the assistance must be gotten from a near relative—a husband, wife, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild. If no near relative is available, the voter may ask outside help, but only from some one who has not aided any one else.

The registrar is required to keep a record of all voters who receive assistance from non-relatives, and must also list the names of those who give the aid. Where a kinsman gives the assistance, no such record is necessary.

are of a species known as "gall forming" and are believed to have destroyed thousands of acres of oaks. North Carolina is dotted with "balds" ranging from 2600 to 6000 feet in height. Many theories have been worked out explaining the absence of trees. Some scientists have blamed soil conditions. Others have laid balds to weather or ecological conditions. A popular opinion has been that they were kept clear of trees by Indians who burned them repeatedly to maintain lookout posts.