

PLANS TO ERECT MUNICIPAL CENTER BEING CONSIDERED

E. C. Moore Offers To Donate Lot For Community Building

Active plans are under way which may result in Murphy getting a two story community building. Mr. E. C. Moore has offered to give the town "as much land as it needs" on Peachtree street, above the Petrie hospital. Mr. Dave Townson immediately offered to donate \$100 worth of heavy timbers for use in construction, and it is hoped that other wholesale lumber firms doing business in and around the town will make similar donations.

There are a dozen or more buildings at Hiwassee Dam, put up by the TVA and now vacant and of no further use to the Government. It had been planned to sell these buildings, "as is" to the highest bidders, but it is believed that the TVA will donate one or two of the structures to the town as part of its regular program of aid in developing recreational facilities in places near which it operates.

With this donation as a base, it is believed that a WPA grant can be secured sufficient to erect the community building, without expense to the town. The WPA donates 75 percent of the necessary funds, with all material and labor furnished by the town being considered as cash. It is pointed out that donations of timber by lumber merchants, and the donation of two of the old TVA buildings would be the equivalent, under the WPA system, of about \$1,000. Therefore, the WPA would contribute \$3,000 cash. It is believed that this amount would be ample to erect the building.

Although it would be the equivalent of two stories high, the proposed community building would really be one story above street level, with a deep basement. Little or no excavation would be needed for this basement, because of the lay of the land. About all that would be necessary would be a levelling off—and there would not have to be much of that.

Should donations by lumbermen and the TVA fail to meet the total necessary to get a WPA grant, it is possible that personal solicitations may be made. If every family in town gave only \$1 each, the fund would be large enough to insure a really elaborate structure.

If erected, the basement floor
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Stores Will Close To Observe Labor Day

All merchants and business men will close their stores for the entire day Monday, September 2, in observance of labor day.

A petition passed among these merchants was signed one hundred percent, with the purpose in mind of giving employees a holiday, and at the same time enable others to take a holiday the same day by preparing for their closing ahead of time.

Filling Stations and restaurants will be open all during the day of necessity, and both drug stores will be open for a short period during the day. Outside of these, however, all stores will be closed and local citizens are warned to make their purchases large enough to carry them over to Tuesday.

Fish Rearing Pool, Tag Sales Reported At Lions Meeting

A report of plans for a fish rearing pool in Cherokee county, an inter-Club meeting, and sale of "Murphy" auto tags led the discussion at the regular meeting of the Murphy Lions club Tuesday night.

W. M. Palmer, local forest ranger, announced that plans have now been completed for construction of a fish rearing pool on Persimmon creek, about 11 miles northwest of Murphy. The club, in cooperation with local citizens, has been working on this project for some time.

The plans as laid out, Mr. Palmer said, would include several recreation projects in addition to the actual rearing pool. These would include picnic grounds, a bathing beach, etc.

Although no definite date was set, the local club made preparations to act as host to four other clubs in this vicinity at an inter-club meeting to be held in the near future. The visiting clubs will be from Bryson City, Hayesville, Franklin, Robbinsville and the Andrews Rotary club.

W. A. Sherrill reported to the club that to date 92 "Murphy" auto tags have been placed on local automobiles. These tags are very similar to those in larger cities and have been on sale only a short time.

Plans for a beauty contest to be sponsored by the club in the near future were discussed but no definite arrangement as to date and place were announced.

Lake Tuckwiler was welcomed as a new member. Mayor J. B. Gray and Mr. Branham, of Raleigh, were club guests.

Murphy Unit Schools Will Open Here Monday, Sept. 2

Class Schedules For High School Are Announced

Schedule for classes and activities for the local high school have been announced by H. Bueck, superintendent, as follows:

- 8:19 A. M.—Classes open.
- 12:00—Dismissal for lunch period.
- 12:45 P. M.—Resumes afternoon classes.
- 2:55 P. M.—Classes dismissed.
- 3:05 P. M. Rural busses leave.

On rainy days the noon period will be shortened 15 minutes, classes to be resumed at 12:30 and closing at 2:40.

There will be an assembly of high school classes in the auditorium for 20 minutes. This period will be used for instruction in music, art, educational guidance and general culture, and will be under the direction of specialists in each department from the high school faculty.

Music instruction will include group singing and music appreciation; the art course will deal with practical artcraft such as art in wearing apparel, home furnishings and decorations, etc., and art appreciation; educational guidance will deal with occupational surveys, meeting opportunities and training for earning a living; the general culture will teach the proper and accepted conduct of each individual on all occasions.

Baseball Tournament In Tri-State League Begins September 7

The play-off tournament of the Tri-State league will be held in Murphy beginning Saturday, September 7, it was decided at a meeting of the managers of the six league teams at the Dickey hotel Tuesday evening. Possible delay may be caused by tie for positions in the standings.

According to the plans the tournament will be a Shaughnessy play-off. The four leading teams in the league will be eligible for the play-off. The first and fourth place teams will meet in a three game series, and the second and third place teams will meet in another 3-game series.

The winners of the first division will be pitted against each other in a three-game series to decide the league championship.

Recruiting Station Coming To Murphy

The U. S. Army mobile recruiting station will be in Murphy at 12 o'clock Friday, near the postoffice, for the purpose of enlisting young men in Murphy and vicinity, the recruiting officer of the Charlotte district announced this week.

The announcement further stated that vacancies exist in the 13th infantry, Camp Jackson, S. C., and in the 83rd field artillery at Fort Benning, Ga. All young men wishing to enlist are asked to go to the silver recruiting truck and make application.

BANKS CLOSED MONDAY

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company will be closed all day Monday in both Murphy and Andrews. The closing will be in observance of Labor Day. No bank business will be done from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

Chamber Of Commerce To Meet Friday Night

A called meeting of the Murphy Chamber of Commerce will be held at the town hall Friday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

C. D. Mayfield, president, and F. O. Christopher, secretary, announced the meeting Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing several important matters needing the urgent attention of the chamber. Among these are the planning of a winter and spring season advertising campaign.

REGULATIONS ON GAME HUNTING FOR YEAR ANNOUNCED

Several Changes In Season Length and Bag Limits Made

On receipt of instructions from the North Carolina department of conservation and development, division of game and inland fisheries, Devereaux Birchfield, local game warden, has released regulations for seasons, bag limits and restrictions on various wild game for the year 1940-41, in which several changes have been made.

Most important change is dove season which will open this year on September 15 and continue until November 30. In addition the bag limit and possession limit on doves has been reduced to 12.

Fifteen days have been added to the hunting season on ducks, geese, Jacksnipes and coots, and the bag limit on geese has been reduced to 3 a day, with possession limit at 6. In addition, opening time for shooting ducks, geese, and coots has been changed and these birds may be shot from sunrise until 4 P. M.

There is no open season this year on Woodcock, woodduck, brant, ross goose, snow goose, and swan. Bag limits on canvasback, readhead and ruddy duck have been set at three in the aggregate.

The regulations also set forth in addition to regular restrictions that it shall be illegal to use any firearm other than shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, or an automatic or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has been cut off or plugged with a 1-piece metal or wooden willow incapable of removing through the loading end.

County Commissioners Elect Library Board

At the last regular meeting of the county board of commissioners a county-wide library board was elected for service in the various libraries and branches in Cherokee county.

The newly appointed board composed of the following six members: L. A. Nichols, of Andrews, chairman, Mrs. T. A. Case, of Murphy, treasurer, E. A. Wood to represent the board of commissioners, W. A. Adams of Hangingdog, Mrs. John Shields of Hothouse, and Claude King of Bellevue.

Five County Unit Schools Will Also Begin Classes

A new enrollment record will probably be set when local schools open the opening of the Murphy elementary and high schools at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning, and the doors of five other schools in the Murphy unit open.

Six schools in the county unit will also begin classes Monday with a probable increase in enrollment, while the largest rural school in the county will make its first appearance as a consolidated unit with eight teachers.

Schools in the Murphy unit which open Monday are: Murphy high school, Murphy elementary school, Grape Creek, Tomotla, Bates Creek, Kinsey, and Texana (colored).

County schools opening will be Ranger, Friendship, Hiwassee Dam consolidated school, including Postell, Shearer, and Rieds Chapel, Uraka, Peachtree and Martins Creek.

Superintendent H. Bueck announced Monday that teaching personnel for the local schools has been completed with the election of five new teachers. These are: Mrs. Rebecca Wells, Miss Louise Faircloth of Clinton, home economics; Miss Kathleen Hinson, of Cullowhee, Commercial courses; Miss Mary Lee Felmet, of Asheville, French and Social Science; Earling Hauge, of Renovo, Pa., music and science; Miss Evelyn Brown, of Rocky Mount, English, Arts and Crafts.

The first day of school will be devoted primarily to registration of students and assignments to rooms, as well as becoming acquainted with new faces. Elementary school chapel will be conducted at 8:30 in the auditorium. High school chapel will be at 9 o'clock. The public is invited to these opening ceremonies.

Two high school classes will have home rooms in the new building which has just been completed within the last few days. This building is primarily for use of science classes with the two rooms on the first, or upper, floor devoted to home economics and the second, or lower, floor for general science and physics laboratories.

The high school book store and rental department will be located on the second floor and both boys and girls showers, toilets and lockers are arranged in the remaining space. Furnishings for the entire building have been installed and complete heating, heating and ventilating equipment is now in place. Indirect lighting is used throughout the entire building.

Murphy, Andrews and Hiwassee Dam will be served by busses in the
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Col. Harry P. Cooper Goes To Chicago

Col. Harry P. Cooper who left Murphy to join the legal staff of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been transferred to a larger and more important post. From his old headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., he has been sent to Chicago, Ill., with offices in the Post Office building.

A letter to the Scout from the former Mayor of Murphy, and one time member of the State Legislature, says he does not know how long he will be at his new post. His home address in Chicago will be the Oxford Apartments, 5130 Kenwood Avenue.

HUGE TVA CELEBRATION BEGINS IN CHATTANOOGA FRIDAY EVENING

Local Delegation Will Participate In Every Event

Eight of Murphy's most beautiful girls will depart for Chattanooga early Friday to begin a round of participating in the South's greatest celebration, the dedication of the "Great Lakes of the South", to be held Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Chattanooga and on Chickamauga lake.

Miss Mary Frances Bell, the "Spirit of Murphy", will lead Murphy's representation attended by seven other lovely girls, Miss Elizabeth Gray, Miss Martha Brumby, Miss Mary Willard Cooper, Miss Mildred Hill, Miss Winifred Townson, Miss Billie Jackson and Miss Louise Leatherwood.

The local group will participate in all social events beginning as

guests of Miss Mildred Moor, the Spirit of Chattanooga, at a tea Friday afternoon. Following this they will take active part in the Cotton Ball Friday night, the parade of floats Saturday afternoon, and the Lady of the Lake ball Saturday night.

They and their escorts will be honor guests at all other day events, including the horse show, the boat races, the beautiful water pageant, and various other parades and social activities. On Monday afternoon they will take part in the dedication ceremonies, which will include all governors of the seven southern states participating, along with numbers of other notables.

At each of the events in which the girls take active part, the "Spirit of Murphy" will be presented, after which she will present her attendants.

The Murphy float in the huge pa-
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