

BLUE RIDGE ROAD TO BE PAVED

Large Crowds Attend Annual Fair Opening

General Exhibits Among Finest Ever Displayed Locally

Flaring music, surging crowds, color and gaiety marked the opening Tuesday of the fifteenth annual Cherokee county fair, as hundreds poured through the portals with their best exhibits to vie for prizes or, with money jingling in their pockets ready to "take in" the huge midway.

Hundreds of the finest exhibits ever shown here were entered in competition and prize winners were selected with the greatest difficulty ever experienced by local judges. The entire day Wednesday was spent in judging the exhibits.

After judging of agricultural, vocational and home exhibits in the exhibit hall, the doors were thrown open to visitors at noon. Judging began early in the afternoon and consumed most of the remainder of the day.

Several thousand school children, released from scholastic duties for the day, swarmed through the gates and crowded the exhibit hall, grounds and midway from early morning until late afternoon. A short shower of rain fell in the morning, but failed to dampen the spirits of the crowds who continued to pour in all through the day. Cold winds began to rise toward night, however, and although many braved the coolness, the attendance was cut down considerably during the night. Gate keepers stated, however, that attendance was holding a good average.

The livestock show took the spotlight in the judging, especially in the work horse, dairy cattle and fat calf departments. Large crowds stayed continuously at the ringside as the judging continued through the afternoon. Excellent general farm and booth exhibits led the procession in the exhibit hall.

Probably the finest exhibits of the livestock show were the Aberdeen Angus black calves, the finest array of young beef animals ever shown here. J. C. Townson, Jr. carried away all honors in the Aberdeen bull competition. J. W. Hatchett took first in the Aberdeen Angus cow and Carl Townson carried all other prizes.

Grand champion in the Guernsey division was won by John Shields, while Clyde McNabb's fine jersey was grand champion in that division.

Other winners in the livestock competition were: Will Johnson, heavy horses; John Shields, light horses; Earl Orr, heavy young colts; John Shields, light colts, one year and under two; blue ribbon for grade cows went to Noland Wells. John Floyd, W. P. Payne and A. B. Stalcup took first in hogs; J. Franklin Smith won ribbons in the poultry division with his New Hampshire reds.

The general farm exhibit, biggest money winner of the entire farm show, was won by Mrs. W. A. Puett, second by C. S. Freel, third by Mrs. H. B. McNabb, and fourth by Ernest Ashe.

Sweepstakes on corn was won by Carl Stalcup, and sweepstakes on Irish potatoes was taken by Porter Axley. Competition in the apples was very close with W. M. Hatchett and J. H. Hampton taking the most ribbons. Clay county took first prize in home demonstration club booths and Cherokee county was second. In the general booth competition farm management took first and the NYA second.

SPREAD FACTORY WILL ENTER NEW LOCATION FRIDAY

New Factory Will Occupy Building With Brumby Mill

Machinery and equipment for the new bedspread factory will be moved here Friday, according to a statement by W. M. Kittles, who will operate the plant. The location is the unoccupied half of the knitting mill building, next to the Brumby Hosiery mill.

Arrangements for setting up the plant with the necessary requirements have been completed, and operations will begin as soon as all equipment is in order and workers have been secured, Mr. Kittles said.

The management also pointed out that the entire personnel will be chosen locally and all interested persons are asked to come to the mill for an interview. Those needing jobs most will be given first consideration, it was said.

Space was taken in the knitting mill building on the front with enough room to accommodate the ten machines with which operations will start. The management plans to continue back through the building as they expand and add new machines, to reach a maximum of forty machines within the space of a year's time.

No great production is expected from the plant at first, Mr. Kittles said, in view of the fact that all workers will be new and inexperienced in spread making. Only a few weeks should see maximum production, however, as the machine operators learn.

The product, known as a crib spread, is smaller than the regular bedspread, and will be made in a large number of designs and colors. The machines may be changed, it was pointed out, so that large spreads can be produced as easily as the small ones. In the event the demand for larger spreads becomes evident, this plant will probably produce both.

Special County Tax Levied Last Year Is Found Illegal

The special tax levy charged by Cherokee County last year, to meet Court and jail expenses, has been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

No rebate will be possible, however, unless the special levy was paid under protest. In ordinary business, money collected illegally may be recovered. No tax payment may ever be recovered, however, unless paid under protest.

Legal fight against the special tax was waged by the firm of Gray and Christopher, of Murphy, representing the Southern Railway. The railway paid, under protest, a special tax of \$713.93; and unless the matter is taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, the County will have to give this money back.

The surplus tax was NOT levied this year.

Passing on the case, the State Supreme Court held that jail and Court outlays "are general expenses recurring regularly" and hence must be met by the County's regular ad valorem tax, which may not exceed 15 cents on the \$100. The special tax made the levy 0 cents.

Contract to be Let By Georgia Oct. 18

FREAK APPLE TREE BLOSSOMS, BEARS AT THE SAME TIME

Ask any apple grower, and he'll tell you that a tree blossoms; then the blooms disappear, and then—sometime later comes the crop.

But Joe Axley can prove this is all wrong. In the yard of Mr. Axley, in East Murphy, there is an apple tree which is in bloom, and which is laden with ripe fruit at the same time.

Richard Meroney brought a branch from the tree, bearing both a blossom and a ripe apple, separated by only a few inches.

If you don't believe it, go see for yourself.

Base Work Will Start At Once Thereafter, And Will be Rushed

The miles of long accordion-planted dirt road on the Blue Ridge route to Atlanta is to be paved.

Col. William Butt, of Blue Ridge, Ga., received, on Wednesday, the following telegram from Atlanta:

"In accordance with request, contract for base and paving Blue Ridge, Ga.—Murphy North Carolina highway will be let October 18.

Signed, W. R. Neel, State Highway Commissioner."

The decision follows many years of complaints by the people of Cherokee County, by residents of the Blue Ridge section, and by the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Paving has been promised by every Georgia Administration, for several years but each was hampered by lack of funds.

The original agreement was that if North Carolina paved the road to the Georgia State line, Georgia would do the rest. Carolina did its part, and Georgia graded and scraped its own section. Then the money ran out. Within a year rains and ice had caused ruts and hollows that made it agonizing to drive faster than 15 miles an hour.

Now, however, paving has been definitely assured. Work of laying a base will start immediately following the letting of the contract. Winter weather will prevent actual paving until next spring, but this will be started as soon as weather permits; and is almost certain to be completed before the tourist season gets under way.

The improvement will give Murphy a paved highway to Atlanta, and all intermediate points, and will cut the time of the trip to the Georgia Capital half an hour or more.

Tourist traffic to Murphy should benefit highly. In addition to visitors from or routing through Atlanta, an all-paved highway will lead here from Florida and the Gulf of Mexico on to the South.

The letter from Col. Butt to Editor Cobb says:

"I was in Atlanta Tuesday (September 24) and worked out the details of this matter with the Highway engineer, and the rebuilding of the base will start immediately after the contract is let on October 18. By next spring this entire link should be ready for paving, and the paving completed by mid-summer.

"All doubt as to the paving of this road is absolutely removed."

Applications Pour In On Calhoun For Fort Bragg Jobs

Announcement in the Scout that 5,700 jobs are soon to be filled at Fort Bragg caused a busy time for Charlie Calhoun, in charge of the State Employment office, in the County Court House. Mr. Calhoun said about 500 men registered the first two days. The list is still open.

The Fort Bragg project, part of the National Defense program, will have jobs, within a month for carpenters and helpers; plumbers and helpers; bulldozers, bricklayers, crane and derrick operators, and common laborers. Mr. Calhoun said most of the applicants want jobs as helpers or as laborers.

"Carpenters, plumbers and men in the other fields seem to be scarce", Mr. Calhoun said, "but the story in the Scout certainly brought quick results. Men came in from all over. Evidently the Scout reaches just about everybody in the County".

A good proportion of the applicants, Mr. Calhoun added, have a splendid chance of being hired. The lucky ones will be notified by mail.

MURPHY BULLDOGS OPEN GRID SEASON AT SYLVA FRIDAY

The Murphy high Bulldogs will open their football season Friday in a game with the Jackson county high team on the Sylva field.

Coach Pitzer's only comment was that he expected to have a fifty-fifty chance of defeating the Sylva eleven, despite the fact that his charges have been handicapped all this week by loss of their regular practice field.

Pitzer has been driving the Bulldogs rather hard for the past three weeks and, although the team is light, they are all in good shape and have perfected a very good machine for this early in the season.

The probable starting line-up for Friday's game will be: Amos and Campbell, ends; Hall and Akin, tackles; Hill and Lovingood, guards; Plott, center; Ramsey, E. Mallonee and J. Mallonee in three of the back-field positions, with the fourth position a toss-up between Wilson Dockery and Johnson.

PLAQUE AWARDED AT DEDICATION OF FOOTBRIDGE HERE

AISC, TVA, Local Officials Conduct Rites Wednesday

Murphy's prize-winning steel footbridge, which crosses Valley river at a point between the fair grounds and school campus, was dedicated in an elaborate ceremony Wednesday afternoon by F. H. Franklin, representative of the American Institute of Steel Construction, and a beautiful steel plaque was presented the builders. The award was accepted by Erwin Harsch, senior highway bridge engineer of the TVA.

The ceremony, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, was one of the main features of the second day of the annual Cherokee county fair with several prominent persons taking part.

The plaque, which was bolted to the side of the bridge, bore the following inscription: "American Institute of Steel Construction annual award most beautiful steel bridge of its class in 1939."

Mayor Gray, acting as host to the several notables participating in the program, introduced Franklin and Harsch in their dedicatory and acceptance speeches. Several other speakers including H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy unit schools, Lloyd Hendrix, superintendent of the county school unit, and E. A. Wood, chairman of the county board of commissioners, spoke briefly in behalf their various units. C. N. Bloxton, chief engineer of the A. I. S. C., Atlanta, and a number of members of the bridge designing department of the TVA were also present.

The Murphy bridge, constructed at a cost of only \$6,000, competed with bridges in its class up to a construction cost of \$250,000. Designing of the bridge was done entirely by the TVA. Building was done by the TVA and the state highway department. When finished the bridge was presented to the town of Murphy, but actual ownership lies with the fair association, the schools, and the county.

Plans Brewing Here For Quarterback Club

A movement is under way locally to organize a "Monday Night Quarterback Club," expressly for the benefit of the fellows who play the game "over again" on the street corner, the drug store, the cafe, etc., after a week end of football.

The plan calls for a meeting every Monday night of the members of the club at a dinner, at which time the entire membership can "cuss and discuss" every game from Maine to California as long as their breath holds out. Very few parts of the program would be planned, so as to give plenty of time to informal discussion. Everyone interested in forming such a club should get in touch with his best friend until enough of them get together to organize. Confidentially, Coach Pitzer started this whole business.

ALL DAY SINGING

There will be an all day singing at Martins Creek school house the 4th Sunday in October. All singers in Cherokee and adjoining counties are urged to attend.