

MURPHY'S MAYOR LEAVING TO SEEK WAR PLANT HERE

Will Go To Washington To Present Pleas To Defense Commission

Mayor J. B. Gray of Murphy will soon go to Washington, D. C., on a double barreled mission. He will see what can be done to prevent all the power generated by the proposed Fontana Dam from being sent outside the State, and he will see if it is possible to get a defense industry for this section.

The length of his stay is indeterminate, and will depend on the conditions he finds in the National Capital. In any event he will stay until he has exhausted every reasonable line of endeavor.

One of the first steps, probably, will be to seek to enlist the aid of Congressman Weaver and Senators Reynolds and Bailey. Senator Reynolds, in particular will be told that by helping this section to get one of the new War-defense industries, he can make just about himself solid with the voters hereabouts for life.

It probably will be pointed out to the Defense commission that this immediate section of North Carolina has been treated very much like a step child. Only recently, for instance, a big plant was allotted to Hazelwood; but the extreme Western counties seem to have been forgotten. This, too, despite the fact that this section has plenty of sites and plenty of water; also facilities, and is just about ideal in its comparative safety from possible enemy air attacks.

20 Cherokee Students Register at W. C. T. C.

New registration for the winter quarter at Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, totaled 469 students, both men and women, 20 of whom were from Cherokee county.

This county was sixth in the number to register at the little mountain school, being preseted by the following: Jackson 120, Buncombe 62, Madison 34, Haywood 29, Henderson 28.

MASONS TO MEET

Cherokee Lodge No. 146 A. F. & A. M. will meet in regular session Monday night at 7:30 in the Masonic Hall.

Three Projects Are Under Construction On School Campus

A great deal of building activity is under way on the local school campus, including additions to the woodworking shop, the school bus garage, and the erection of the new NYA building.

A basement has been dug and concrete foundations are being laid for a 44-foot extension to the school woodworking shop, under supervision of the instructor, Reid Mallonee.

Another addition is being made on one side of the old building along its entire length and 10 feet wide.

When completed the entire building will be 94 feet long and 35 feet wide along the length of the old building, and 25 feet wide on the new extension. Material for the new additions was secured from one of the old school buildings, deserted upon consolidation into Hiwassee Dam schools. All the work in the project is being done by students.

The school bus repair garage, under supervision of the county school

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MASON'S NAME IS GIVEN FOR PLACE ON STATE BOARD

The name of L. L. Mason, prominent cattle dealer and former sheriff of Cherokee county was placed before Governor J. M. Broughton the past week for membership on the state Highway and Public Works commission by ardent supporters from all over the county.

This announcement follows closely behind the recent submission of P. B. Ferebee's name for the position only a few days ago. Cherokee county has never had a state highway commissioner.

Mr. Mason, who for many years has been a political leader in this section and an ardent supporter of Governor Broughton in the last election, is the owner of a large farm in this county and is prominent in the livestock markets of the south.

The entire state highway commission resigned a few days ago following heated criticisms in the legislature, and a new commission will have to be appointed. The old members have consented to retain their offices for a short period at the request of Governor Broughton.

Free Movie Depicting Entire Life of Christ At M. E. Church Friday

Postponed from last week, when the movie operator was stricken with the flu, an inspiring moving picture, depicting the Life of Christ will be shown at the Methodist church in Murphy Friday evening at seven o'clock. Admission will be free, and everybody is invited, regardless of creed.

"I hope that our church will be filled with Christians from all over the county," the Rev. C. B. Newton said. "This is a picture that everyone should see."

The movie will be presented under the auspices of the National Bureau for Religious and Educational Films. The scenes were "shot" in Europe, the Holy Land, and Egypt. The story tells of the life of Christ, from the Nativity to the Ascension.

Magnificent scenes including the Triumphal Entry, the Trial, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection are pictured to an accompaniment of beautiful music. The entire film is patterned after the world famous "Passion Plays" of Oberammergau, Freiburg.

Schedule of 4-H Club Meetings Is Announced

The schedule of February meetings for the Cherokee county 4-H clubs has been announced by Mrs. W. D. King, agent, and is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 3, Marble, 10:30 A. M. (EST); Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Peachtree, 10:45 A. M. (EST); Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Martins Creek, 2 P. M. (CST); Wednesday, Feb. 5, Murphy, 9, 10, and 11 o'clock A. M. (CST); Thursday, Feb. 6, at Andrews, 10:30 A. M. (EST).

Marble Man Promoted In Rank at Fort Bragg

Eugene West, of Marble, was one of ten western North Carolina men who are in the army at Fort Bragg to receive promotions recently.

West had for sometime been a corporal and the new promotion was to the post of Sergeant. This was second to the highest promotion given among the ten men.

Mrs. A. W. Boyle of Appleton, Wisc., grows her own coffee in her vegetable garden.

Because he ate a quart of pickled peppers at one sitting Jerry Corley of Los Angeles claims to be the world's champion pepper consumer.

WHAT OUR LEGISLATURE IS DOING

(Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of weekly summaries of the activities of the 1941 General Assembly.)

BILLS INTRODUCED: H. B. 10, "To Divide North Carolina into twelve Congressional Districts." (Would change Cherokee County from Eleventh to new Twelfth District.) Introduced by Jarvis and Arch T. Allen.

In its third week, the 1941 General Assembly passed one important measure, providing for congressional redistricting, and virtually passed another relating to the letting of emergency highway contracts for national defense. Other important legislation was introduced, featuring the promised bill to provide retirement pensions to school teachers and state employees.

The redistricting bill permits a twelfth congressional district from which to select the State's additional congressman under the 1940 Census. Counties in the new district are taken from the former tenth and eleventh districts.

The highway contracts bill, which awaits only Senate approval to a House amendment for passage, would permit the Highway and Public Works Commission to let contracts for national defense highway projects without competitive bidding. The House amendment struck out the measure's provision doing away with the necessity for advertising bids, set a time-limit for the Act's operation, and required the Governor's approval to bids let.

Sent to the House committee on Education, a 24-page bill provides both for old-age retirement and for disability pensions for teachers and state employees, to be financed through joint contributions of employers and employees.

Ten highway measures, many affecting transportation, were introduced. Perhaps the most important is a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 from gas tax and license fees during 1941, 1942 and 1943 for highway improvements. The allotment would be made on population and State highway mileage ratios. The money would be used primarily to improve highway streets. The balance may be applied to streets forming connecting links with the highway or county system, or farm-to-market roads.

A measure introduced in the Senate would limit busses and any pro-

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Eight Men Convicted Of TVA Conspiracy; Five are Acquitted

Chattanooga, Jan. 30—Eight members of a union charged with conspiracy to dynamite TVA lines serving the strikebound Tennessee Copper company plant were convicted Wednesday in Federal court. Five others were acquitted.

The eight, members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO), are subject to a maximum of two years imprisonment and fines of \$10,000. Counsel entered motion for a new trial, which delayed the court's sentence.

Those convicted were Mitchell Clifton Anderson of Bessemer, Ala., organizer for the union; John Edward Simonds, Felton Moore Woodward, Earl Hubbard, John David Queen, Robert Lee Rhodes, Robert Lee Bailew and Marion Luther Ellis, members of the local union in Polk county.

Program Complete For Birthday Fete

BAPTIST LEADERS TO HOLD MEET AT ANDREWS, FEB. 7

"Magnifying the Church" will be the theme of the Regional Conferences for Baptist Sunday School and Training Union leaders to be held Friday, Feb. 7, from 9:30 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. at First Baptist Church, Andrews.

Speakers will be Dr. W. L. House, Fort Worth, Texas and Rev. W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh. The following will be Conference leaders: Mrs. A. V. Washburn, Cradle Roll and Beginner; Miss Mae Bowmar, Primary; Mrs. C. D. Bain, Junior; Mrs. John B. Lane, Intermediate; John B. Lane, Young People and Extension; L. L. Morgan, Adult and N. C. Brooks, Training Union Directors.

All Baptist Sunday School and Training Union workers west of Sylva are urged to be present for the meeting.

Mallonee One of Three Youngest Legislators In N. C. State Assembly

The youngest members of the state house of representatives now in session in Raleigh represent Western North Carolina counties. They are: James D. Mallonee Jr., 27, of Cherokee; Donald B. Sherrill, 26, of Graham; and A. C. Reynolds Jr., 26, of Buncombe.

James Mallonee, the Cherokee representative is barely the older of the three. He, along with the other two, is serving his first term in political office.

Through his wide practice of law since passing the bar examination in 1937, young Mallonee has become widely known not only in his home county but throughout the counties in the western end of the state. During his term as representative, his wide circle of friends will be greatly increased, as Mr. Mallonee has a very likable personality and a genuineness of purpose and manner that makes him friends anywhere.

Mallonee and Sherrill sit together in the legislature and serve on several committees together. Both have extensive duties on a number of house committees.

District Home Agent Is Visiting County Clubs

Miss Anna C. Rowe, home demonstration agent for the western district of the state, is visiting in Cherokee county this week inspecting the various projects of local clubs. Her main purpose is to assist in the opening of the club sponsored Roadside Market which is scheduled to have its formal opening February 1st.

County's First Draftee Receives Assignment

Cherokee county's first draftee, private Claude M. Anderson, has completed preliminary training and given assignment to a division organization at Fort Bragg.

Anderson has been assigned to detachment fifth signal service company at the fort.

In the state of Idaho an old ordinance declares it illegal to buy a chicken after dark without a permit from the sheriff.

Two Dances, Folk Floor Show Make Up Celebration

Sponsors of the President's birthday dances, a part of the annual Fight Infantile Paralysis, drive, have declared that everything is in readiness for the biggest celebration in the history of the event in this county as ticket sales soared all this week.

Due to the present and promised future fair weather, ticket sales have reached a new climax for the annual charity event and huge crowds are expected to throng the Andrews gymnasium and youth building Saturday night for the gigantic birthday party.

Vincent Wright's 12-piece orchestra will provide music for the round dance, while a good native string band has been secured for the square dance in the youth building. Tickets are good for either or both dances and for all attractions at either place.

The biggest individual attraction of the evening will be the costumed presentation of Old English and Danish Folk dances by students of the John C. Campbell Folk school of Brass-town, under direction of Mrs. George Bidstrup. Eight couples will participate in this floor show which will require about one half hour. Six boys will do the Morris dance, an old ceremonial which originated before the Christian era and was used at the sacrifice of a sacred animal. This ceremonial has been in use for several thousand years in England and is still popular in country festivals.

Very elaborate decorations and arrangements have been made for the dance by the sponsors, the Konnaheeta club of Andrews, and the Junior Woman's club of Murphy. Display windows of public store buildings in Murphy and Andrews have been decorated by these groups as an advertisement for the benefit ball. The decoration in Murphy is in Candler's Dept. Store window, and consists of various illustrations of the dire effects of infantile paralysis on American youth, accentuating the need for prevention and cure.

Committees serving in this drive for the Konnaheeta club are as follows: arrangements—Mrs. Dick Pullivan, Miss Frances Cover, and Mrs. Edwin Bristol; decorations, Miss Leuna Tatham; refreshments, Miss Gladys Christy; hat check, Miss Gladys Chadwick; ticket sales, Miss

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First Steps Taken In Reshuffling of State's Districts

Definite steps toward reshuffling the Western and near Western counties of the State so as to provide an additional Congressman in Washington were taken in Raleigh Saturday when both the State Senate and the House passed identical bills. The measure will be settled as soon as the Senate passes the House bill, or vice versa. Since there was no protest in either body, passage is expected to be more or less routine, and is likely within the next seven days.

The proposed measure virtually affects this section, which is now in the Tenth Congressional District. Under the new set-up, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania counties would be grouped as the Twelfth District.

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