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LET'S COOPERATE

When the Murphy Chamber of Commerce took steps last week, toward obtaining a full-time secretary, the members were considering not only the welfare of the town itself, but of the entire county. In the first place it is known by everyone that what helps the town, automatically helps all Cherokee. In engaging a full time secretary, however, the Chamber will devote major efforts to obtaining an industry for this section.

Should they succeed, it will mean a new pay-roll, more collectable taxes, more people to buy the products of our farms—summed up, an increased prosperity for all.

The chamber also will make a continuous drive for more and more tourists, and here it definitely must have cooperation from every resident, whether a member or not.

It must be remembered that getting tourists here for a visit of a few hours, or for one night, means little. It helps those who have rooms to rent but that is all.

We have gorgeous scenery; gorgeous climate; a friendly people—but these are not enough. The same things can be found, in greater or lesser degree all over Western North Carolina. This is an age of competition, and getting and keeping tourists—and having them come back next year, bringing friends with them,—is just as much a business as running a store. Gatlinburg, only a few hours distant has realized this; and has grown from a tiny and rather ugly settlement into one of the most popular tourist centers in this section. As this is written a fifth large hotel is being constructed there.

Gatlinburg had no more natural advantages—probably not as many—as Murphy. But the Tennessee town cleaned up and painted up. Its homes were modernized, its lawns fenced and shrubbery made spic and span.

In other words, Gatlinburg dressed itself up like a girl going out to a party—and kept itself dressed up. Then it set about to provide attractions for visitors. A swimming pool was created, and a golf links laid out. There were tennis courts and croquet grounds. A big pavilion was built where the guests at the various hotels might foregather and meet each other; talk, play cards, read, knit, or do whatever they liked. And there, also, in the evening, the younger generation could dance.

The result is that Gatlinburg isn't even interested in getting an industrial plant. The tourist industry takes care of everybody—including the farmers, whose products find a ready sale, at good prices.

Outside our natural advantages we have here little or nothing to offer the tourist. Even at Hiwassee Lake the tourists can't hire boats. All they can do is drive out there and look. There's nothing about that privilege to make them want to prolong a stay here.

Nature has dealt us with a lavish hand; but we have been inclined to let it go at that, and do nothing ourselves. It is quite true that the exquisite scenery will bring tourists here—but it definitely will not keep

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SPORT NEWS

Local Teams Invade Tennessee for Two Cage Games Today

Murphy's hardwood artists journey into Tennessee Friday afternoon and night for tussels with the Ducktown and Copperhill squads. The Ducktown game is one that had to be postponed from earlier in the season.

Little is known of the strength of the opponents, except that they rank closely in the standings of the Tri-State loop. Local hopes rest on the continued brilliant play of the girls and an improvement in the shooting of the boys. The girls have surprised everybody to date with their fine play. Little has been expected of the boys, the most of whom are inexperienced.

Murphy also tackles Blairsville Tuesday in another league fray. The possibility exists that the game will be played at Murphy since Blairsville does not have a gym. The previous boys' game resulted in a thrilling two point, last-minute victory for the locals and fans are anxious to see the return match.

HAYESVILLE WINS LOW-SCORE GAME FROM BULLDOGS

The United States program for emphasis on defense had nothing on the Hayesville and Murphy basketball boys Tuesday, as they waged a merry battle which the visitors finally won by the count of 14 to 10. The contest was a defensive one from the outset as is proved by the fact that all of Hayesville seven field goals came from behind the foul circle.

The ball handling of the Murphy quintet was improved over the recent out with Robbinsville. However, the marksmanship continues to be far below par for winning basketball in the Tri-State conference.

Odom and Wells were the only locals who were able to score while the Hayesville held an 8 to 2 lead at the half but Murphy tied it up at the third quarter and went into a brief lead soon afterwards.

Only six personal fouls were called during the fray, a new all-time low for Referee Kindley.

Paul Dunbar was "sort of mad" at his wife. That was why, he told Indianapolis police he tossed beer bottles through the window of her beauty shop.

Them here, Tourists, are on vacation—and people on vacation insist on being amused.

This is especially true of young people—and parents go or stay as he children desire.

It is sheerest folly to sit back and wait for a Federal Santa Claus to lump tourist attractions in our lap. We must get them ourselves. The Federal Government may help; but we are going to have to dig down in our own pockets, too. But there could not be a safer investment.

The Scout takes this opportunity to congratulate the Chamber on its new officers. Joe Ray, the new president, is a go-getter who lets no grass grow under his feet. Dr. Hoover and John Donley, and the Board of Directors all are willing hard workers of broad vision, who will never ask for help without making their own donations first.

All the officers, and all the members believe in Murphy, and are willing to work for it. But the Chamber can't do it all. Every person in the town must help. Every resident of the town must give his or her backing, both moral and financial to make Murphy a place where visitors want to stay.

We must do this—or sink into the doldrums. Our fate lies entirely in our own hands.

Two Sextettes Tied For Tri-State Lead With Clean Records

Ellijay's sextette of basketballers continue to go through the rank and file of Tri-State members without defeat as they make a serious bid for the conference diadem. However, Ellijay cannot shake loose the equally brilliant six from Mineral Bluff who have also rolled over five consecutive foes to tie for first place in the girls' race.

Ellijay easily downed Morganton and Blairsville during the past week while Mineral Bluff got back into action after a week's rest by trimming the Towns County lassies of Hiwassee, 25-18.

The biggest upset of the season came Tuesday at Murphy as the Murphy hoopsters triumphed over the hitherto undefeated Hayesville aggregation. Two extra periods were required to decide the issue with Murphy finally emerging on the long end of a 24-23 count. Epworth eked out over Blue Ridge while the Ducktown and Robbinsville teams fought to an 18-all deadlock.

The Standings

TEAM	W	L
Ellijay	5	0
Mineral Bluff	5	0
Murphy	3	1
Epworth	3	1
Hayesville	2	1
Copperhill	2	2
Hiwassee	1	1
Morganton	1	2
Ducktown	0	2
Robbinsville	0	1
Blue Ridge	0	4
Blairsville	0	7

Ellijay, Hayesville Hiwassee Tied For Conference Lead

A triple tie for front ranking among Ellijay, Hayesville, and Hiwassee features the boys' standings in the Tri-State conference. Ellijay rates first place due to a greater number of victories. The Georgians have won five straight contests while the Hayesville ads and Hiwassee have triumphed 1 three and two, respectively.

Games ran true to form over the week as Hayesville took Murphy, Epworth downed Blue Ridge, Ellijay triumphed over Morganton and Blairsville, Robbinsville overwhelmed Ducktown, and Hiwassee snowed Mineral Bluff under. Robbinsville surprised with a 44-18 victory a Ducktown's expense. Hiwassee ran up the largest score of the year against Mineral Bluff, 65-14.

Cherokee and Robbinsville feature the coming week's card with Bryson City, who is making its season's debut in conference play at Robbinsville.

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Hiwassee	2	0
Copperhill	3	1
Epworth	3	1
Murphy	2	2
Robbinsville	2	1
Cherokee	1	1
Ducktown	1	2
Blue Ridge	1	3
Blairsville	2	5
Morganton	0	3
Mineral Bluff	0	4
Bryson City	0	0

This week's schedule:
Friday—Murphy at Ducktown, Blairsville at Hayesville, Cherokee at Robbinsville, Murphy at Copperhill.

Tuesday—Ducktown at Epworth, Copperhill at Blue Ridge, Mineral Bluff at Hiwassee, Bryson City at Robbinsville, Murphy at Blairsville.

When a Venice, Fla., farmer complained of unusually annoying static in his radio, repairmen found two rattlesnakes inside.

Splatterings On Sports

After seeing the fine teams representing Ellijay in the conference, the writer can easily understand why each it is leading its particular division to date. Ellijay girls present a forward who is quite adept at the pivot shot. Her brilliant play was the main cause of victory over Morganton. A well rounded boys' squad shows no individual stars but depends on teamwork and sure handling of the ball instead of the get the ball, let it fly at the basket type so common to other outfits.

Murphy basketball fans who were lucky enough to be present at the Hayesville games Tuesday saw two very close contests. The first contest is described fully elsewhere on this page but there are one or two points concerning the boys' fracas which are very rare. First is the fact that neither team registered from the foul line. But six fouls were called on the two teams. Hayesville scored 8 points before the Bulldogs could register but then Murphy turned the tables by counting 10 times before Hayesville scored again.

Suffice it to play that the Clay countians then scored 6 more while holding Murphy scoreless.

Baseball will hold the spotlight again before long. Only 14 days from today the New York Giants go into spring training. Other major league outfits will follow closely on the heels of the Giants. Murphy baseball will take an upturn with the beginning of work on the new exhibit hall and moving of the grandstand. Once again the infield will be moved, this time probably to the corner where the highway bridge crosses the river. Bunting will be in the direction of the gate at the old exhibit hall. It is understood that the grandstand will be added to considerably and the fans will find more comfort during the coming summer.

HAYESVILLE DROPS LOSE CONTEST TO MURPHY SEXTETTE

A favored Hayesville sextette suffered its first conference defeat of the season here Tuesday at the hands of the Murphy lassies. Two extra periods were required to reach a decision.

Each team had a chance to win as he regular game ended. Referee Kindley called a double foul after the visiting lassie had missed, Nina Jones proceeded to miss her charity shot also. Each team scored a field goal in the first extra period. Again in the second extra canto a two-point was registered for each team but once again Jones had the opportunity to win with a free toss and his time she did not fail. The final count read 24-23.

The victory elevated the local girls to a third place tie with Epworth, both teams passing the Hayesville outfit.

Home Agent Announces Schedule of February County Club Meetings

The following schedule of meetings of Home Demonstration clubs in Cherokee county has been announced by Mrs. W. D. King, home agent, for the month of February.

Bellevue, Monday, Feb. 10, 1 o'clock; Suit, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1 o'clock, with Mrs. Walter Anderson; Topton, Wednesday, Feb. 12 2 o'clock with Mrs. Ruth Bowers; Tomotla Thursday, Feb. 13, 2 o'clock, with Mrs. J. B. Shields; Martins Creek Friday, Feb. 14, 1 o'clock, with Mrs. Bessie Hall; Ranger, Monday, Feb. 17, 1 o'clock; Beavertown, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1 o'clock, with Mrs. Lillie Dockery; Andrews, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2 o'clock with Mrs. D. Mosteller; Peachtree, Thursday, Feb. 20 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Lawson Lunsford; Wolf Creek, Friday, Feb. 21, 1 o'clock, with Mrs. A. L. Cole; Marble, Monday, Feb. 24, 2 o'clock.

H. D. Club Member Makes Door Mats of Plain Corn Shucks

A very interesting project is that of Mrs. Lillie Dockery, of Beavertown, who capitalizes on her unique ability to weave beautiful and durable door mats from nothing more than plain corn shucks.

Mrs. Dockery, a member of the county Home Demonstration clubs, has taken the mat-making idea as her individual project in club work, and is making quite a nice sum of cash for her trouble.

Making shuck door mats was taken up as a project by Mrs. Dockery in November. Since then she has sold several locally and sent some as far as Florida and Louisiana, clearing around \$20.

The mats are made entirely from shucks which are twisted and woven back and forth, making a very sturdy mat. The mats are made in both round and oval shapes, about 17 by 24 inches in size. She sells them for about one dollar.

Sen. Bailey Writes Stating Stand on Aid to Britain Plan

Starting out as more or less of an isolationist, Senator Josiah W. Bailey has completely reversed his position and now squarely behind President Roosevelt in the "all out" aid for Britain program. Outlining his attitude he has sent the following statement to The Scout:

Editor, Cherokee Scout,
Dear Sir:

"It is our purpose to render full aid to Great Britain and other countries allied with her in resisting the aggressions of the totalitarian powers."

In order that we may render aid promptly and intelligently, we are about to give the President extraordinary powers. It is not intended that those powers shall be permanent, but shall expire whenever the necessity for them passes.

"The President has declared that he does not intend to have our ships used for purposes of convoy of ships to Great Britain or ports of other belligerents and that he does not intend to transfer to Great Britain, or any other country, any important part of our Navy. He has repeatedly said that this country will not be taken into the war, meaning by this that he will do nothing to take it into the war as a belligerent. Limitations in line with the foregoing are likely to be enacted."

"It is important to this country that the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations shall not be overwhelmed, and it is important that the British Navy shall not pass into the hands of any other nation. If control of the seas can be preserved as in the present hands of the British and the United States fleets, we will be relatively safe."

"Since there are many inquiries as to my position, I am issuing this statement in order that all may know that I am sustaining the policy of our Government as above outlined. I deplore the cost, the risk and the sacrifices entailed, but they seem to me to be necessary to the security and welfare of the people of the United States."

"My decision, as above set out, has been reached not suddenly, but after prolonged consideration."

Funeral Services Are Held for Will Henson

Will Henson, age 52, died at his home near Mission Dam Monday, January 27. Funeral services were conducted from the Sweetwater Baptist church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Nichols officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dellar Henson and two sons, Doyle and Verlon. He is also survived by one brother, Tom, and three sisters, Mrs. Everett Nichols, Mrs. Ledford and Mrs. Laura Crain of Murphy.

Irie funeral home had charge of arrangements.