

"EZRA THE RUBE" ON PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL DINNER

Lions to Play Host To 200 Guests at Banquet on Friday

Ezra the Rube, who is everything a hick can be wrapped into one person, is scheduled to "steal the show" here Friday night when a host of Lions, Lionesses, Rotarians, Rotary Annes, and guests from all over this section gather at the Methodist church for the annual Lion-sponsored Cherokee county dinner.

In addition a special musical program will be presented by Mr. Tracy and Mrs. Fisher, faculty members of Western Carolina Teachers college. The other main attraction will be the showing of moving pictures of the outstanding football plays of the past season, sponsored by T. W. Kindley, local Coca Cola distributor.

Swinging down from the hills in the hayseediest fashion, Ezra the Rube will tell the group about his trip to New York and how he out-slicks the city slickers. This performance is made by a student of Young Harris college who, according to those who have seen and heard him, is really a scream.

Representatives of the Lions club and Rotary clubs of Andrews, Robbinsville, Franklin, Bryson City, Hayesville, Blairsville, and Blue Ridge will be in attendance in addition to special guests being invited from all surrounding communities and towns. A total of around 200 persons is expected to be present.

Officers Capture Car Carrying 52 Gallons Of Whiskey Tuesday

A model A Ford car containing 52 gallons of bootleg whiskey was captured about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning by Policeman Frank Crawford and Patrolman Pritchard Smith. The driver of the car and another man escaped, but a girl who gave her name as Barl Hyde, was taken into custody by the officers.

According to Crawford, the car passed through Murphy around 2 o'clock that morning and he and Smith became suspicious. Later another man was seen taking a taxi in the direction taken by the car. The officers followed and the capture of the whiskey resulted. The identity of the two men involved was not known.

Gov. Eugene Talmadge Will Make Jackson Day Address at Morganton

Blue Ridge—Governor Eugene Talmadge will be the principal speaker at the annual Jackson Day dinner at Morganton Wednesday night, April 2, Hoke Willis, committee chairman, has announced.

In addition to Gov. Talmadge, several other state officials are expected to be in attendance.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Blue Ridge high school band. The building from which the dinner will take place will be equipped inside and out with loud speakers.

Rev. Fred Conley Will Replace Rev. Fisher

Rev. C. L. Fisher, pastor of the Murphy circuit of the Methodist church, has recently moved to Asheville where he will make his home for the time being. He will be succeeded on the Murphy circuit by Rev. Fred Conley who will arrive here this week end from Duke University. Rev. Conley comes to this area highly recommended.

Two More Volunteers Needed to Fill Quota In Draft Call April 8

Two more volunteers are needed to make up the next quota of 13 draftees scheduled to leave for camp April 8, Wayne Walker, secretary of the local board said this week.

To date all men taken in the draft from this county have been volunteers, and with the addition of two more men before April 8 this record will not be broken.

The local draft board is now situated in new offices, having moved from the Townson building on Tuesday of last week to a new office on the second floor of the Mauney building next door to Dr. Russell.

Annual Senior Play To Be Staged Here Tuesday, April 1st.

The senior class of the Murphy High school will present its annual play, "Honest Abe" by Charles George, at the school auditorium Tuesday evening, April 1, at 8 o'clock.

The senior play, which is one of the most outstanding events of every school year, will this year portray the early life of one of the greatest of Americans, Abraham Lincoln. A cast of fourteen characters will contribute to the humor, pathos, drama and philosophy which composed the youth of "Honest Abe."

Proceeds from the play will be used to defray expenses of graduation exercises and to purchase a gift to be left as a class memorial.

The cast includes Billy Taylor in the role of Honest Abe, Edgar Darnell, Carl Torrence, Edwin Mulkey, Fred Johnson, Walter Carringer, J. R. Palmer, Virginia Richardson, Ollie Mae Tilson, Louise Mann, Jennie Ruth Ballew, La Fay Wood, Frankie Wilson and Elizabeth Franklin.

Award Winners in Forest Fire Prevention Contest Announced

Explanation of Utility Of National Forests Given by Supervisor

By W. M. PALMER

Supervisor Nantahala District

The Forest Fire Prevention Essay Contest recently conducted in Cherokee County was sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service, the North Carolina Forest Service, and the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purpose of acquainting the younger generation with the uses and values of the forest in Cherokee County and how these values may be destroyed by forest fires. The contestants undoubtedly learned many things about the forest that they would have been years in learning without the additional reading and thinking that was necessary before writing an essay on the subject of "Why Prevent Forest Fires in My County".

Some of the things that were learned about the work of the U. S. Forest Service and the Nantahala National Forest in particular are summed up in the following paragraphs:

The National Forests are administered "for the greatest good to the greatest number of people". It may

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ROBERT HAWKINS SLAIN AS TRUCK DIVES IN RIVER

18-Year-Old Youth Is Victim of Broken Neck at Nantahala

Plunging down into the Nantahala River when the driver of a dirt-dumping car lost control of the machine, 18 year old Robert Garfield Hawkins, son of one of the foremen of the Utah Construction Company, was killed at Nantahala Dam project Sunday night. The youth also was an employee of the company.

The death car hurtled 15 feet down an almost precipitous bank. The victim was rescued almost immediately by fellow workmen and rushed to a hospital in Franklin but died shortly after arrival. His neck had been broken and he had received numerous internal injuries.

Young Hawkins was the foreman of a crusher crew and was supervising the hauling of a load of rock at the time of the fatal accident. The truck turned over in its plunge and the victim, hurled from his seat, landed on his head. He also was struck by flying pieces of the rock load.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkins, now of Andrews, the victim of the tragedy came here with his parents from California. He was a music pupil of Herman Brauer.

Imperial Cleaners Now Under New Ownership

Arden Davis and Joe Hamilton, popular young men of Murphy, have taken over the Imperial Cleaners plant here and will operate it in the future beginning March 31.

Mr. Davis was formerly connected with the Murphy Laundry here, and Mr. Hamilton was former operator for Western Union.

Plan Field Day In Kilmer Forest Early in April

Winners of the Forest Fire Prevention Essay contest, conducted in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties during January and February, were announced this week by officials of the National and state forestry divisions and the division of the TVA, sponsors of the contest.

Cash prizes totaling \$15.00, 12 specially designed sport jackets, and 71 all-day trips to Joyce Kilmer forest were awarded winners in the various divisions of the contests throughout the schools of the three counties.

Beginning January 20 and closing February 22, the contest drew entries from 1091 students in 24 schools of the three counties. Entries were judged by staff members of the North Carolina Forestry service and winners selected.

Lois Thompson of Murphy was top winner of a cash prize of \$5.00 and a packet for Cherokee county; Mary Long of Hayesville was cash and jacket winner of Clay county; and Jay Johnson of Robbinsville took top prizes in Graham county.

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Criminal Court Term Convenes Monday

JACKSON DINNER IS BIG SUCCESS HERE SATURDAY

Approximately 50 members of the democratic party of Cherokee county gathered at the Regal hotel here Saturday night for the annual Jackson Day dinner. H. A. Mattox, chairman of the county executive committee, acted as toastmaster.

Miss Sara Ruth Posey, national committee woman for this district of the state, was principal speaker of the evening. Miss Posey reviewed the accomplishments of the party during the past year and urged greater efforts for the future.

Other speakers were the vice-chairman, Mrs. G. W. Cover Sr., and Frank Forsyth, chairman of the Young Democrats club. T. L. Caudle, U. S. District attorney who was scheduled as main speaker for the occasion, was unable to attend.

COURT OF HONOR FOR BOY SCOUTS SET IN ANDREWS

The court of honor for the Boy Scouts of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties will be held at the Youth building in Andrews on Tuesday, April 1, with James Osborne of Andrews presiding.

The public is invited to attend this meeting at which the boys will be advanced in the different ranks of scouting.

Following the court of honor the scoutmasters will hold a meeting to plan activities for the six troops of this district. The district committee will also meet after the court of honor.

Workman Murder to Head Docket of 180 Cases Before Alley

The March-April term of criminal Superior court of Cherokee county will convene in Murphy Monday, March 31, with about 180 cases on the docket for disposal. Hon. Felix Alley will be the presiding judge.

The principal case listed for trial this term is that concerning the murder of James Workman, allegedly Fred Wiggins and aided by Hosa Thrasher and Claude Stewart, which took place on the night of November 21 at Workman's home near Andrews.

Investigation revealed that Workman had been shot through the neck by a shotgun charge at close range following a drunken quarrel in front of his home. The assailant or assailants had apparently quarreled with Workman and one of them turned the shotgun on him and killed him.

Doris Ray, who claimed at first to be the wife of Workman, later told officers that they were not married and that she was the wife of a Waynesville man. She, also injured in the fracas, is being held for trial on charges of fornication and adultery.

Other cases on the docket include a manslaughter charge, assault with deadly weapon, incest, arson, fraud, larceny, and the usual liquor offenses such as violation of the prohibition law, drunken driving, trespass, etc.

New Hatchery Building Completed and Open for Business at New Site

The new marketing building of the Smithmont Poultry farm and hatchery has just been completed this week and is now open for business. A detailed program for a formal opening is being arranged for a later date, to which the public will be invited.

Franklin Smith, manager of the hatchery, has announced that demand has become so high for certified chicks that another large incubator has been installed and is operating full capacity. Also a Hawkins Million Dollar Hen Broiler plant has been installed at the hatchery and 100 finished 2 and 2 one-half lb. broilers will be turned out every week.

Although the demand from large hatcheries for eggs for hatching is greater than we can supply, Smith said, we are turning down orders right and left so that our own eggs can be used in our incubators.

Plans are being made now for bloodtesting and certifying 10,000 hens for next season, to employ a chicken sexer, and have a hatchery capacity of 42,000 eggs at one setting.

The Weather Vane

Listed below are maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation for the past week compared with similar data for last year:

	Temperatures			
	1940		1941	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
March 19	64	45	65	15
20	63	29	68	25
21	66	26	68	36
22	63	25	71	30
23	54	27	67	47
24	48	25	61	46
25	39	15	62	33
Precipitation				
	1940		1941	
Total for this week	0.73		0.45	
Total for month to date	3.21		3.52	
Total for year to date	11.49		7.94	

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