

REA Project Completed In 6 County Communities

**200 Memberships
Paid up; 44 Miles of
Line Will be Built**

The rural electrification project for the Suit, Ranger, Shady Grove, Sunny Point, Culberson and Wolf Creek communities was completed this week and a total of 200 paid memberships were turned in to the TVA for a report to Washington, county agent A. Q. Ketner has announced.

The project is being worked out by the Blue Ridge Rural Electrification association, who will build 44 miles of electric lines to home all over these communities before mid-summer, following approval of the project in Washington. The report to Washington will be made within the next ten days.

About two months ago a meeting was held with the people of these communities to try to work out a rural electrification project in their section of the country. At that time committeemen were selected from each community to solicit memberships for the association, and these committeemen were largely responsible for the success of the project.

"The work and perseverance of the committeemen representing their communities in this project is to be highly commended," Mr. Ketner said. "Without a doubt their untiring efforts and willingness to bear the expense of such a campaign has brought success to the project. We believe every member of the association in these communities owes these committeemen a debt of gratitude."

Committeemen working out the project were: F. H. Byers, Lloyd Kisselburg, Tom King, Ralph Shields, L. W. Shields, W. L. Garren, O. C. Payne, and Mrs. J. F. Woods.

The project just completed is the second one in Cherokee county, the first being in that section from Martins creek to the Georgia line.

Since all memberships are paid and not a hitch is left in the plan
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Normal Rain Expected To Fill Lake by June 1

Although no definite announcement has yet been made, usually reliable sources report that the Hiwassee lake will reach top level around June 1 if normal rainfall is received.

In view of the fact that most water sports are not fully under way until about that time, it might be concluded that the lake is working on schedule. Fishermen will be delighted by this fact as the season opens officially June 10.

Game Warden Catches Pearley Mauney Violating His Own Law Against Working

Deveraux Birchfield, of Tomotla, Fish and Game warden and one time Sheriff was driving out highway 64 the other day,—or rather, a friend was doing the driving, while the Fish and Game Warden's roving and well known eagle eyes were watching both sides of the road at once.

About four miles outside Murphy, Deveraux asked his friend to slow down, "Do you see what I see?" he demanded, and pointed to a tall, red faced figure putting around in a garden.

"I don't see anything but a man working in his garden" said Birchfield's friend.

"Yeah" said the Game Warden, "but that man is Pearley Mauney. I've known him, man and boy, for fifty years, and this is the first time I ever saw his even pretend to do

ELEVEN MORE GO OFF TO CAMP TO TRAIN FOR WAR

**Cherokee Draft Board
Still Drawing on Big
List of Volunteers**

Still drawing from the big group of Cherokee County volunteers, another so-called "draft" contingent left Monday morning to don the army uniform at Fort Jackson, S. C. They departed at 6:45 A. M., on a special bus, their route taking them to Franklin, Sylva, Asheville, Columbia and then the camp. They arrived at the Fort Monday night.

Eleven young soldiers-to-be were in the latest contingent, but only one of them from Andrews. He is Wayne O'Neill Adams.

There were two from Murphy, two from Culberson, and one each from Letitia, Violet and Postell. The largest number came from Unaka, which sent three. All of the boys expressed the belief that before they get back, they will have seen real war. And not one seemed afraid.

The group was under the leadership of Herbert Herschel Crisp, of Murphy, with Claude Joseph Jones, of Postell, as Assistant Leader. The complete list follows:

Herbert Herschel, Crisp, Murphy.
Claude Joseph Jones, Postell.
Charlie Monroe Crain, Unaka.
Thomas Roberson, Murphy.
Howard Willard Johnson, Letitia.
William David Smith, Violet.
Buster Brown, Culberson.
Bill C. Bryant, Culberson.
Cecil Solen Jones, Unaka.
James Clifford Graham, Unaka.
Wayne O'Neill Adams, Andrews.

23 COUNTY BOYS ARE ENROLLED IN MACON CCC CAMP

A group of 23 Cherokee county boys were enrolled in the CCC camp at Otto, Macon county, Saturday. They were accompanied to the camp by Miss Marvie Walker, member of the local welfare department.

Those enrolling are: Regulars—Garland Allen, Murphy, route 2; Elvin Monroe Dillard, Marble; James Marion Doos, Marble; William Turner Fair, Topton; Warren D. Farmer, Grandview; Aud Garland, Letitia; Plez Gentry Hedrick, Ranger; Louis Hicks, Andrews; Walter Harding Hicks, Andrews; Carl Vester Hogged, Murphy, route 2; John Quentin Hyde, Letitia; Cecil Alexander Morgan, (Continued on Back Page)

3 BOY BURGLARS NABBED FLEEING TO TENNESSEE

**Chief Johnson Catches
Trio "Toting Big Sack"
Stuffed With Loot**

Three boy burglars, the oldest 16, the other two aged 13 and 12, were arrested by Chief of Police Fred Johnson Thursday charged, with three robberies. Two have confessed, blaming everything on the third.

The boys are Wade Stewart, aged 16; his brother Fred, age 13, and Clyde Thomas, aged 12. If convicted, Wade Stewart can be sent to the penitentiary. The other two, if convicted, probably will go to the reform school.

Among the three robberies was one which should be listed among the "meanest thefts." The tiny stand of Frank Taylor, who is blind, and who makes a few pennies daily near the Court house, was broken into Friday night and looted. Taylor had not reported the theft. Being blind, he did not know what was missing. The thieves had unscrewed the door to the shop, robbed him, and then screwed the door back.

The other robberies confessed were that of the store of Will Lovingood and the Henn theatre. At Lovingood's a hole was cut in the back door. This happened last Friday night.

At the Henn theatre, last Saturday night, the penny weight machine was broken into. According to Clyde Thomas, his brother Wade took out a handful of pennies. Clyde said he and Fred Stewart came back later and got twenty cents more.

Chief Johnson caught the boys walking the highway toward Tennessee. Chief Johnson says they were carrying a tow-sack stuffed full of goods stolen from Will Lovingood.

Fred Stewart, 13, and Clyde Thomas, the 12 year old, blame everything on Wade.

Lions Win Trophy At Franklin Meet

The Murphy Lions club carried away the attendance trophy at the Ladies' night meeting of the Franklin club Monday night with 15 local members attending.

Canton, the only other visiting club represented, had eight members present including Dr. V. E. Duckett, deputy district governor and president of the club.

Thad Bryson, president of the Franklin club, was master of ceremonies at the meeting which was held in the Panorama courts with about 50 Lions attending. The Franklin troop of Boy Scouts had charge of the program.

Attending from Murphy were: Mr. and Mrs. Peyton G. Ivie, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, H. A. Mattox, Frank Forsyth, H. Bueck, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fain, Wirt Gudger, T. W. Kindley and Mr. Young.

The Weather Vane

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

	1940		1941	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
April 10	55	28	51	41
11	71	36	51	37
12	73	38	75	36
13	43	21	81	40
14	50	28	82	40
15	62	35	84	39
16	81	41	80	47
Precipitation	1940		1941	
Total for week:	0.21		0.84	
Total for month to date	1.23		1.85	
Total for year to date	13.80		10.84	

Money Raised to Pave Parksville Dirt Road

STUDENTS GIVEN PROGRAM FOR 1st. "WEEK OF GLORY"

**Class Rites, Musical
Recital, Will Feature
Opening Exercises**

The first week of the annual commencement exercises in the Murphy schools will begin Tuesday morning, with other programs through the week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Friday night.

Examinations for the high school and elementary grades will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week. Final closing exercises of commencement will be held Sunday and Monday.

The schedule of events opens with Senior class day exercises in the high school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. At this time the various prophets, pessimists, optimists, etc., will orate their versions of the future. The last will and testament will be read and various students will be recognized for outstanding achievements or characteristics during the past year.

Mrs. Henry Akin and Mrs. J. W. Davidson will present their pupils in a joint recital Tuesday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The program will open with the kindergarten drills, graduating to the more accomplished musicians. A special feature of this program will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Hadley Dickey.
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COOKING SCHOOL SET FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON HERE

The annual Electric show, sponsored by the city department and local electric dealers completed the first day of demonstration of appliances today. The Cooking school will be held from 2 until 5 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Library, under direction of Mrs. Beulah Harris.

Dates for this show were erroneously reported in last week's paper as Wednesday and Thursday, and should have been Thursday and Friday. The main feature of the two-day show is the cooking school Friday and all housewives are invited and urged to attend.

All prizes for the electric show and Cooking school will be given away during the school Friday afternoon.

Field Day for Essay Contest Winners Will be Held in Kilmer Forest April 19

An all-day outing in Joyce Kilmer forest will be enjoyed by winners from three counties of the Forest Fire Prevention essay contest recently completed by the forest services of the nation, state and TVA. Approximately 75 persons will make the trip, Saturday, April 19.

A full day program has been set up for the trip in which forestry officials of all divisions and other sponsors will take part.

The schedule arranged calls for all Clay county winners to meet at Hayesville High school at 8 o'clock (EST) Saturday morning. They will come in body to meet the Cherokee county winners at the Murphy high school at 8 o'clock (CST). From there they will be escorted to Robbinsville by the state highway patrol to meet the Graham county winners

Contract to be Let Soon for Completing Chattanooga Route

A Polk county court appropriated \$10,200 last week for clearing of a right-of-way for the water-level route of U. S. highway 64, through the copper basin connecting Chattanooga and North Carolina.

The Tennessee highway department is expected to let the contract for widening, straightening and paving this road within the next few weeks.

The improvement of the nine-mile stretch of gravel road between Parksville and the Greasy Creek bridge has been delayed for a year or more because of ten or fifteen high tension towers of the TVA which were located on the right of way.

Chairman Hoyt L. Lillard, of the Polk county court budget committee, said Monday night that an agreement had been made with the TVA for removal of the towers at a cost of \$10,200.

Lillard said he understood that the state highway department would let the contract for improving this stretch of road as soon as money was appropriated for clearing the right-of-way. The money would be turned over to the TVA who would do the work of removing the towers. Thus the road could be improved according to federal specifications for national highways.

This highway stretches from coast to coast of the United States. When paved it will offer a direct and convenient route between Murphy and Chattanooga, bringing thousands of tourists through the region included.

At present the road is paved from Cleveland to Parksville and a drainage and grading project has recently been completed to Greasy creek bridge. From the bridge to Ducktown the road is paved with asphalt and from Ducktown to the North Carolina the pavement is concrete. The entire part of highway 64 in North Carolina is paved.

Blue Ridge Hi Band Plays Serenade Here

The Blue Ridge, Ga., high school band, composed of 34 members, played a short concert at the Murphy high school auditorium here Wednesday afternoon. Later this excellent little band made a musical tour of the city, stopping to play two numbers in the public square.

After 29 years a nickel was sent to a Denver drug store to pay for a 2c stamp that was credited.

Field Day for Essay Contest Winners Will be Held in Kilmer Forest April 19

Upon arrival at the entrance to the forest the group will enjoy a picnic lunch. Following this a representative of the North Carolina forest service will award cash prizes and jackets to principal winners.

Under direction of Ranger Bill Nothstein the group will then hike to the Memorial Plaque in the forest and here several contests will be held including a test in tree identification. These will be conducted by Ernest Nutting, TVA forestry representative, Ranger W. M. Palmer, Nothstein and the State representative.

The group will begin the return trip around 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Winners from each county who
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