

MURPHY TO HAVE NEW SYSTEM OF STREET LIGHTING

Old Poles To Be Placed Along Highway 19 at Both Ends of Town

Murphy is soon to have a "Great White Way" lighting up both the main highway entrances to the town for more than a mile in each direction. Now, heavier and more ornamental street lamps will be placed in the town, and the present poles will be moved to Highway no. 19 through and beyond East Murphy, and towards Tennessee and Georgia.

The new street lights have already been purchased, and one of the first official acts of Mayor-to-be Mayfield, following his election next Tuesday will be to make formal application for a WPA grant for labor to carry out the program.

Credit for securing the new lights should go chiefly to C. W. Savage, owner of the Regal Hotel. Several weeks ago he was paid a week end visit by C. E. Terrell, head of a big Electrical Company in Chattanooga. Mr. Terrell told his host that Chattanooga was installing a new system of street lighting, and that the discarded lamps could be bought "dirt cheap".

Mr. Savage immediately passed this information on to Town Clerk Christopher, who went to the Tennessee city to investigate.

Mr. Christopher found the discarded light-poles at one-third heavier and stronger than those in Murphy; more modern, and better in every way. Returning home he reported this to the Town Board and was authorized to go back and buy.
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Charter Cites Murphy Not As City, But Town

A Murphy resident, calling to pay his electric light bill this week called Town Clerk Christopher's attention to the bill, which was rendered by "The City of Murphy Electric Department".

"Is it correct to speak of Murphy as a city, or as a town?" he asked.

To find the answer, Christopher went to the original charter. That document showed that "Town of Murphy" is correct.

Drives Loaded Truck Down A Steep Cliff To Win \$20 Bet And Save 32 Mile Trip

Few men would risk what looked like almost certain death for a \$20 bet, but Rose Rhodes, of Hangingdog did, and won. In addition to the money he also saved a lot of gas, and many weary hours of precious time.

Rhodes drove a loaded truck down the almost perpendicular sides of Ivey Gap, in Little Snowbird. Worse still it had rained all the night before, and the ground was as slick as a piece of fat meat. The truck had to be hauled to the top on the other side, which is not so steep, by a yoke of oxen.

By making the perilous trip Rhodes saved himself a drive of about 32 miles. He was moving from Little Snowbird to the Boiling Springs section of Hangingdog, and by following the regular route, he would have had to drive about 35 miles. The way he went covered only three miles.

When Rhodes first suggested taking the short route his friends asked him why he wanted to commit suicide. No man could drive down that near-precipice, they said, and live. When Rhodes declared he believed he could do it, Roscoe and J. Wilson

Little Jane Moore, 11, Near Death in Flames; Saved By Brother, Ray

Little Jane Moore, 11 year old daughter of Ed Moore was painfully burned early Monday morning when her housecoat became ignited from an open fireplace in the living room of her home. While her mother and her brother Ray tried frantically to beat out the flames which enveloped her body, little Jane, crazed with pain and terror, broke from them and ran to the rear of the house. The dressing gown had been torn off by her mother, leaving the child clad in flannel outing pajamas, which also were ablaze.

Ray followed his sister, overtook her, and finally beat out the flames. Dr. Harry Miller, called to her bedside found her suffering from secondary burns on her body, but declared her injuries were not serious.

The near-tragedy prevented little Jane from going to school to receive a final report card showing a perfect record of attendance.

Knife Fight Sends Bingham To Doctor Wise Bros. To Jail

A street fight, watched by a score of men and women in front of the Murphy Electrical office sent Carl Bingham to Petrie hospital with his throat cut Wednesday afternoon, and sent Jake and Allen Wise to jail. Twelve stitches were taken in Bingham's wound, and but for his leather coat, the collar of which was slashed twice, he might have been killed.

Jake and Allen Wise were given hearings before Mayor Gray Thursday morning, and were bound over for Court under \$1,500 bond each. Also, Allen was given 60 days, and Jake 30 days "on the roads" for drunkenness.

The cause of the fight is unknown. Bingham said the Wise brothers attacked him as he came out of the Electrical office where he is employed as a lineman. His throat was cut, he said, by Jake Wise, after Allen had knocked him dizzy with a blow on the back of the head.

Wade Palmer, who works with Bingham tried to separate the battlers, and was himself knocked down. The fight was finally ended by Press Gentry.
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Odell, of Hangingdog, bet him \$20 he couldn't.

On April 18 Rhodes got Paul Abernathy, who is getting out timber near Ivey Gap, to haul a one and one half ton, Model A Ford truck up the more gentle slope of the mountain. "Several times I thought the oxen wouldn't be able to make it," young Abernathy later declared "They finally did, but they sure were plumb wore out."

Arrived at the top, Rhodes loaded the truck with his household goods. Then he chopped down a giant oak tree, left all the limbs intact, and chained it to the back of his truck. Then he jammed the brakes on, put the car in "Bulldog" low gear, and started down.

The trail formerly had been used for sleds, and for skidding logs, and it was its narrowness that made the trip possible. All the way down, the branches of the oak caught on other trees.

Had those branches snapped off, Rhodes would have hurtled down to death—but they did not. Even so, he went pretty fast, and friends who watched the trip say they wouldn't try it for ten times \$20.

SOUTHERN TRAIN SERVICE ORDERED RESUMED FRIDAY

Mail and Express Badly Crippled—Towns Wire Indignant Protests

After a suspension which began last Tuesday, passenger traffic between Murphy and Asheville will be resumed Friday afternoon, when Number 17 is due to pull into Murphy under its old schedule at 1:45 o'clock. Mail and passenger service also will be resumed.

Leaving Murphy for Asheville at 7:30 Saturday morning, "Number 17" will become "Number 18." At the same time, another "Number 17" will start down from Asheville. This, Southern railway officials explained, is because the road system calls for "even numbers" making the north-bound trip. From Saturday on, travel conditions will be normal again.

The temporary stoppage of passenger traffic created all sorts of inconvenience, especially as to mails, which arrived anywhere from eight to twenty four hours late. The plan was to send the mails by freight to Bryson City, and fetch from there by truck. Faulty arrangements caused a bad break-down somewhere along the line. Express shipments also were sadly delayed. "Express" came entirely by freight. It was shipped first to Bryson City, taken off there, and held until another freight train came along, bound for these parts.

The stoppage was authorized by the State Utilities Commission, and brought little or no protest from Southern Railway executives, who long have wanted to discontinue the Murphy branch because it has been a dead loss for years. It is has not
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Tri-County Revival Will Start Sunday In Murphy Church

An extended revival will begin at the Murphy Methodist Church next Sunday May 4th. The local pastor, Rev. C. B. Newton will do the preaching. Music will be rendered by the junior and senior choirs.

Monday night will be "young peoples night". Young people from Cherokee, Graham and Clay counties will attend and this program will take the place of the regular meeting of the young peoples union.

Tuesday night will be "Official night" and all the church officials, stewards, trustees, Sunday school officers and teachers, all officials of the Woman's society of Christian Service, and all service superintendents and officers are expected to be present.

Wednesday night and each night thereafter will be "every member night."

The general public is invited, regardless of creed.

The Weather Vane

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

	1940		1941	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
April 24	65	47	63	56
25	64	36	69	53
26	68	38	69	42
27	71	36	70	34
28	72	37	71	33
29	74	39	79	36
30	72	44	79	36
Precipitation			1940	1941
Total for week			0.93	1.19
Total for April			4.92	3.49
Total for year			17.49	12.48

They're Seeing Snakes On Hangingdog—First Rattler of Year Killed

Everybody in the Hangingdog section was seeing snakes last week; but we don't mean the kind that travels with pink elephants. These were the real thing, and rattlers, at that! Snake-wise mountaineers say there is likely to be a "big crop" this year.

What is believed to be the first rattler of the season in these parts was killed by Paul Gilbert, son of the Rev. Fred Gilbert, who heard the serpent's deadly warning as he climbed the hill across from Joe Abernathy's home in Steel-trap Gap. He killed the snake and later displayed it to his friends. It had seven rattles.

A few days later young Paul Abernathy, who recently returned home after a year spent working up north" killed a second rattler on the very same hill. This one, however, had only five rattles.

"Lake Cherokee" Is Name Selected For Recreations Area

The new lake and recreation area on Persimmon creek, now under construction by the National forest service, will be dubbed "Lake Cherokee," judges of the contest to find a name announced this week.

Mrs. W. M. Ramsey and Mrs. Ellen Crawford, both of Murphy, were the winners in the contest and will split the \$15.00 prize money given by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce.

H. Bueck, superintendent of Murphy schools, and Lloyd Hendrix, superintendent of county schools, made three selections and recommended them to the forest service. Final selection, made for the contest was rendered by Mr. Johnson, of the U. S. Forest service.

A large number of entries was submitted and the final choice of a name was rather difficult, the judges said.

The cash prizes will be presented the winners at the dedication ceremonies to be held as soon as the lake is finished.

The Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Forest Service, is planning an elaborate program for the dedication with a probable all-day outing scheduled.

W. M. Palmer, forest ranger for
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New Tourist Cabins Built By Massey Offer Just About Last Word In Luxury

"I have everything that a hotel can offer, and a whole lot that they don't" declared Wade Massey. He was talking about his new tourist cabins, bordering Highway No. 19, in East Murphy, which were opened for business only a few days ago.

Visit those cabins and you'll find that Wade wasn't exaggerating.

Built of stucco on tile, to insure coolness in summer and warmth in winter, the rooms are large—some 14 by 20 feet, others 14 by 18 feet. To further insure pleasant temperature, the cabins are ceiled with "Isolite", and there are venetian blinds.

Every room has a huge closet, a large lavatory, and a private bath. Also every room has a desk, two or more chairs, and a dresser. The beds have Beauty Rest mattresses, and the furnishings are all in solid maple.

The composition fire-proof floors are covered, from wall to wall with woolen felt carpets that sink pleasantly under one's feet; and there is an abundance of electric light. A two

TWO TOWNS GO TO POLLS MAY 6; MURPHY "IN BAG"

Hot Fight In Andrews But County Seat Has Only One Ticket Up

Murphy and Andrews both will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect city administrations. In Andrews a red hot partisan fight looms, with Mayor Reece standing for reelection as a Republican, and with young Robert Heaton seeking the Mayoralty as a Democrat.

All the present Republican Board members in Andrews are seeking reelection except one. Lee Watkins declined to run again, and W. A. Hyde was nominated in his place at a caucus held Tuesday night. The complete lists of rival candidates for the Andrews Board are:

Republican: Frank Bristol, W. Turner Holland, Zala Adams and W. A. Hyde.

Democrats: Zed L. Whitaker, W. G. McKeldrey, Dr. Gerald Almond and Zeb B. Conley.

In Murphy, the election will be a tame affair, for the ticket headed by Charlie Mayfield has no opposition. Numerous efforts were made to get up a second ticket, drawn along fusion lines, but few of those invited to become candidates were willing to run.

One new name will appear on the ticket—that of Lee Shields. He was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the forthcoming elevation of Mayfield to the Mayoralty.

The new Murphy Administration, therefore will be as follows: Mayor, Charles Mayfield. Board Members, Walter Mauney, Ed Moore, Tom Axley, Parrot Odum, Noah Lovingood and Lee Shields.
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Wall Maps of Murphy Being Made By T. V. A.

Large and complete wall maps of Murphy, will soon be available at the Mayor's office. They are being made by the TVA and will be sold at actual cost—about 20 cents each.

According to the TVA the maps will show every street, every house, every store, every vacant lot and every water and sewer main in the town. They also will list most of the home owners. TVA topographers have been working on the maps for almost a year.

light chandelier is pendent from the center of the ceiling. Also there is a lamp on a small bedside table, and there is a reading lamp on every bed.

There also is a radio in every cabin, set in an especially built alcove in the wall, near the bed. Doors and windows are screened, of course, and the latter also are curtained, to insure privacy. Set ten feet apart, every cabin is sound-proof.

The office, which includes quarters for the young college graduate whom Massey has engaged as manager, is set in the center of the group. Beneath the office is a cellar with a stoker furnace which keeps the cabins constantly supplied with hot water.

Every cabin has its own parking space, immediately beside it. Massey built the cabins himself, and they show that he worked with loving care.

He has a Scout to invite anyone interested to come out and inspect them at any time.