

## MURPHY AND ANDREWS GET NEW MAYORS

### FEREBEE SEEKS "DOVETAILING" OF HIGHWAY WORK

#### Complete and Perfect System Will Be Aim, Official Declares

With his desk already half buried with request petitions from towns and communities throughout all the district, Highway Commissioner P. B. Ferebee is back at his desk in the Citizens Bank & Trust Company without any definite plan as to where to begin. It had been expected that a tentative program would be laid before the new Highway Board by Governor Broughton, immediately following the swearing in, at Raleigh, last week; but none was made.

Mr. Ferebee said work would be mapped out on a state-wide scope at the next meeting of the Board. The date will be decided by the chairman but it probably will be held in the near future.

It is the intention of the new Board Mr. Ferebee believes to work out a program that will be co-ordinated, throughout the State. That is to say, every improvement will be planned and carried out, not only to help the immediate connecting highways. Thus all work will be made to dovetail.

Personally, Mr. Ferebee is in favor of having all new work on main highways done under the four-lane plan.

"There may be many long stretches of roads where four-lanes are not needed now," he explained. "Nevertheless, if these highways are to be resurveyed, and straightened, they should be graded for four lanes. (Continued on Back Page.)"

### Explanation Is Given Of Fire Alarm System

Due to the numerous fires in Murphy recently the fact that very few people know the method of sounding the fire alarm has become astoundingly real. For this reason the Scout offers an explanation.

When and if you discover a fire go to your telephone and call the Chamber of Commerce information office. In day hours, Miss Mary Jo Davis will receive the call and immediately notify the police and fire chief. During the night a policeman will either be at the booth or will hear your call by means of a large bell recently established outside the booth, and will then turn in the alarm. ALWAYS call the information booth!

### Record Rattlesnake and 128 lb. Wildcat Killed In Hangingdog During Past Week

The forecast of a big crop of rattlesnakes seems verified by reports from the Hangingdog section. Wildcats also are reported to be unusually numerous; and so daring that Hangingdog residents say it isn't safe to keep a piece of fresh meat in the house.

Mack Swaim, who lives on Bald Creek and is a brother of Fred Swaim, Chief of Murphy Fire Department, killed one of the largest rattlers ever seen in this section, last week. It had sixteen rattles and a button.

A record sized wildcat also was killed, on Ball creek near its head. The beast was shot by Mart Hamby after it had come right to the kitchen door, attracted by the smell of a fresh ham which had been sliced for dinner. The animal weighed 128 pounds. Hamby skinned it, and will

### 10 More In County Called To Ft. Bragg; Will Leave May 28

Ten more men from Cherokee County have been called to the colors. Orders from Draft Headquarters reached County Secretary Wayne Walker in Murphy Wednesday, and the contingent will leave for Fort Bragg, N. C. at 6:45 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 28.

As usual, the call will be met entirely by volunteers, and the list still will be long enough to take care of needs for some time. Thus far, not one man from Cherokee County has been "drafted."

The present call is the first for several weeks in this section. It is the eleventh call issued from Washington but only the eight for Cherokee County. The regular eighth, ninth and tenth calls passed this section over, without explanation.

Of the ten new soldiers-to-be, four are from the Murphy section, four from Marble; one from Andrews and one from Culberson. They are:

James Theodore Osborne—Andrews.

Samuel Varner Rogers—Murphy, Rt. 3.

Sheridan Carter—Murphy, Rt. 3.

Burley Hamilton—Murphy, Rt. 1.

Charles Bascomb Davenport—Culberson.

Hugh Martin Humphries—Marble.

Gerald Junior Wilson—Marble Rt. 1.

William Wallace Arrowood—Marble, Rt. 1.

Robert Clarence Deaton—Marble, Rt. 1.

Carmel Cecil Hall—Murphy, Rt. 1.

Vaccination Schedule For Dogs Announced By Health Department

Emphasizing the fact that it is necessary to inoculate dogs against rabies every year, the County Health department has announced the following schedule for vaccinations.

Murphy School, Saturday, May 10 from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 P. M.

Texana School, Saturday, May 10, at 2:30 P. M.

Marble School, Saturday, May 17, from 9 o'clock to 10 A. M.

Andrews Public Library, Saturday, May 17, from 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 P. M.

Fairchild engineers have perfected a new "electric eye" aerial camera which automatically snaps pictures when a magnesium flare bomb explodes, thus facilitating the taking of night photographs by aviators.

show the pelt to any who doubt his story.

Meanwhile, Paul Abernathy, who lives in Steel Trap Gap, has turned rattlesnake into a new sport. He kills them with fire crackers.

"It's easy and it's fun," Abernathy said. "All you need is a forked stick and some fire crackers left over from Christmas."

"When you see a rattler, use the stick to pin his head down. He'll open his mouth, every time, and he'll open it plenty wide. Then you light the fire cracker, stoop down close and stick it between his jaws. He'll clamp down—and BANG! The cracker blows his head plumb off."

Abernathy insists the sport is perfectly safe, but so far he has not been able to get anybody else to try it.

### GIRL KILLS SELF ON OLD ROADSIDE; CAUSE UNKNOWN

#### Christine Taylor, Aged 15, Borrows 22 Rifle From A Neighbor

Driven by some tragic impulse that will never be explained, 15 year old Christine Taylor, daughter of Drew Taylor, Peachtree farmer and a second year student in the Murphy high school took her own life Sunday morning, by shooting herself through the heart with a borrowed 22 calibre rifle. She had gotten the gun from the home of Henry Lail, nearby, on the pretense that her father wished to shoot a mad dog.

The girl killed herself in an old road, only a short distance from her home. Her brother, J. D. Taylor heard the shot, and heard her scream. J. D. and his father ran to investigate, and reached the girl's side just as she breathed her last. She died in her father's arms, without speaking.

Before starting on her death mission, Christine had fixed breakfast for the family. Then, without eating, she went to the Lail farm house, and asked to borrow a gun. Mrs. Lail with whom she talked, offered the use of a 22 rifle, but said there were no cartridges in the house. Lail told sheriff Carl Townson that Christine was apparently excited, or unhappy, and gave no evidence whatever of her grim intention.

Mrs. Lail said Christine took the rifle saying she probably could borrow a couple of cartridges at the home of Henry Painter, who also lives nearby. Whether she got the shells there or not is not known.

Coroner Harry Miller held an inquest into the tragedy on Sunday (Continued on Back Page)

### Two NYA Projects Are Approved by State For This Area

Two new NYA projects have been approved by the state office for this area. Mrs. Willabelle Posey, area supervisor, has announced, and work on both is expected to be started within a short time.

The first project covers work in connection with repairs and improvements to Murphy schools and school furniture, landscaping and building fences on the campus. Project supervisor will be B. C. Walker.

The second project will be the construction of a vocational agricultural farm shop building and the demolition of an old building. The new building will be raised on the school grounds at Hayesville in Clay county and about 40 boys will be employed for the work. Project supervisors will be Marvin H. Alexander.

### 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.
May 1	59	54	82	42
2	69	35	82	40
3	47	38	81	41
4	56	39	84	45
5	62	31	80	45
6	79	38	86	49
7	86	47	82	60
Precipitation	1940		1941	
Total this week	0.83		0.03	
Total this month	0.83		0.03	
Total this year	18.32		12.51	

### Mayfield and Heaton Win; Shields Leads Murphy Ticket

#### Mad Dog at Large; Animals Attacked And Child Bitten

A mad "our dog" is at large somewhere in the county, and the Health department says it has bitten several other dogs in the Mission section of Peachtree. Also a child is reported to have been bitten in Clay County, where, it is believed, the mad dog may have come from.

All persons owning dogs that have been at large are warned by the Health department to keep them confined and under close observation for 14 days. It is possible that any of them may have been in a fight with the dog that is mad.

Sanitary Engineer F. N. Johnson also warns that all stray and apparently homeless dogs should be killed. Also, he said, any person who is bitten should consult a physician immediately, in order that arrangements may be made to give the Pasteur treatment, the only known preventive for rabies. Johnson added:

"It is only through the cooperation that rabies can be stamped out."

Several suspected dogs already have been reported killed in various sections of the County recently. None of these animals had been vaccinated.

#### New Ticket Offered At Eleventh Hour, But It Comes Out Too Late

As a result of hundreds of voters failing to show up at the polls in Murphy Tuesday, a rumor spread that an opposition ticket had been drawn up in secret, and that a young army had planned to descend on the Courthouse just before closing time, and write in the names.

Late Tuesday afternoon such a ticket did appear, but it was too late. John Donley, Patton Coleman, Fred Johnson and several others said they would have been glad to support it, but they had already voted. The ticket was:

For Mayor:—Mr. "Snake" Frankum.

For Commissioners: — Sheridan Stiles, Wiff "G Man" Stamey, Bob Grant, "Chicken" Hughes, Sally Rand and Al Capone.

### 17 Inch Rainbow Trout One Of 48 Caught By Party of 4; Birchfield Suspicious

A seventeen inch speckled rainbow trout, the largest landed in this section in many a moon, was caught by Grover Mauney in White Oak Bottoms last Sunday. The big mountain beauty was one 48 brought back by Messers. Grover, Walter and Tom Mauney and Fred Christopher. The next largest, caught by Christopher, measured 14 inches. The others averaged a little better than 11 inches.

Walter Mauney told Game Warden Deveraux Birchfield that every member of the party caught the limit. Walter added that he caught the first fish, and got his limit long before the others.

Fred Christopher says Walter fished longer than anyone, didn't catch a single trout; didn't catch anything at all but one horny-head. If this be true it may make it just too bad for the others, for it would mean that somebody caught more than the limit, and then gave them to Walt.

Warden Birchfield is suspicious,

#### Andrews Fight Bitter But Only 143 Ballots Are Cast In Murphy

Murphy got a new Mayor and Andrews got a whole new deal in the municipal elections Tuesday. The Murphy result was a foregone conclusion, there being only one ticket. Charlie Mayfield was elected mayor, with the same Board that has been serving, plus Lee Shields. The latter, incidentally, led the ticket.

In Andrews it was different. Claiming that the Democrats had not certified their nominations within the legal time limit, the Republicans refused to allow their names on the ballots.

The Democrats, almost fighting mad, appealed to the Attorney General in Raleigh, to Gray and Christopher in Murphy, to McKinley Edwards in Bryson City, to Clyde Jarret in Andrews, and to other legal authorities. In every case they were informed that the Republicans couldn't do that to them. But the Republicans did, just the same.

This made it necessary for the Democrats to write in the names of all the candidates, on every ballot. They did just that. Also, every registered Democrat in the town went to the polls. Tuesday afternoon a check-up showed that two had failed to show up. Taxi cabs were immediately sent to hunt them, and soon they, too, were brought in.

As a result young Robert Heaton (Continued on Back Page)

#### War Work Volunteers Sought by Red Cross

With a huge shipment of wool and other materials due to arrive shortly the Murphy Red Cross is looking for volunteer workers to make bandages, dresses, and knitted garments. Mrs. C. W. Savage is chairman of the Murphy chapter, and Mrs. Mel Miller is assisting her in the new project.

Trustees of the Murphy Methodist church have offered the use of the basement for the work, and the Singer company has offered free use of sewing machines. A Red Cross instructor will be sent from Raleigh to start the workers off.

Heretofore the chapter has used the club room at the Public Library, and the members have not yet decided whether to remain there, or to accept the church offer.

anyhow. Looking over the catch, which was displayed in Murphy Sunday evening, Birchfield asked Walter Mauney how long it took him to catch his legal dozen. Walter said about two hours.

"And I suppose," said Birchfield, "that after you stopped fishing, and just sat around waiting for the others."

"That's right," said Walter.

"Well," said Deveraux, "I can't prove that you didn't; but I don't believe a word of it, and no jury would believe it either. I've a good notion to lock all four of you up, just on general principles."

Later, Warden Birchfield said he had heard that the party actually caught 64 trout. Walter refused to confirm or deny this, but declared that "if" it were true all the others had been thrown back.

"I don't believe that, either," said Birchfield.