

COUNTY THRONGS MEETING TO MAP CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Crowd Told That Dams Make Section Prize Target for Foes

More than 1,000 people, a goodly proportion from Andrews, Peachtree, Tipton and other localities met in the Court House Wednesday night in a civilian defense rally. So great was the crowd that approximately 100 could not get inside the court-room. Nevertheless they stayed until the end, listening from the hall-way.

Perhaps the most thrilling moment of the evening came when a uniformed guard of Indians, all veterans of World War I, and members of Steve Youngdeer Post of the American Legion, at the Cherokee Indian reservation, marched in for Presentation of the Colors.

They marched into a court-room draped with American flags, and redolent with flowers. The room had been decorated by the Woman's Club under the direction of club president, Mrs. "Bud" Alverson.

The program opened with the singing of America, by the audience. Invocation was made by the Rev. A. B. Cash, pastor of the Murphy Baptist church, and then came the Presentation of the Colors, followed by recitation by the audience, of the Salute to the Flag.

Next came three musical numbers by the big Glee Club of the Murphy schools, directed by Miss Elizabeth Phillips, and with Mrs. Jerry Davidson at the piano. The children sang "Be Glad You Are an American;" then "Remember Pearl Harbor, and then "I Am an American". Little Joequetta Hill was the soloist, with the others harmonizing on the choruses.

Prof. H. Bueck, who was chairman of the meeting, then introduced Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey, Civilian Defense Official from Asheville, who discussed patriotic duty.

Two songs, "White Cliffs of Dove," with tiny Gloria Kendrick as soloist, and a "Prayer For Peace," came next, and then came the most interesting talk of the evening, by Capt. Frank Swan, of Andrews.

Just returned from Legion and Defense meetings in Raleigh and Washington, D. C., Capt. Swan warned

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Henn's Baby "Chic" Opens and Proves A Place of Beauty

The prettiest little theater in Western North Carolina opened in Murphy Tuesday night—and it isn't so little at that, for it will seat 700. It is the Chic—latest hatching of the Henn chain.

A "standing-room-only" crowd came from all over the County, and from Graham and Clay for the opening.

The new movie house is located on Tennessee street on the site of the old Strand, Murphy's first theater which Mr. Henn bought and tore down. It has a sizable lobby and a gallery in addition to the main floor.

Mr. Henn showed marked artistic sense in the interior arrangements. The walls are draped with dark cream colored material, hung in folds and presenting the appearance of satin. Thick muave carpets are on the floor, and the plain maple folding seats are upholstered in white leather. An indirect lighting system, of vari-colors, is hidden inside the walls.

The gold-black and red garishness in little theaters is the Chic, replaced tones of quiet lux-

Mrs. Ruth Anne Huskins Passes on at Age of 91; At Home Near Marble

A slight cold, which was not considered serious enough to warrant calling a doctor, caused the death of Mrs. Ruth Anne Huskins at the home of her nephew, Sam Huskins, near Marble last Sunday. Aged 91, she was one of the oldest women in this section, but until three weeks ago was active, visiting at many nearby homes. It was while making one of these visits that she contracted the fatal cold.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Marble Springs Baptist church, with the Rev. Algie West officiating. Townson Funeral Home was in charge. Burial was in the Peachtree cemetery, beside the body of her husband, Jim Huskins, a Confederate veteran who died 40 years ago.

Mrs. Huskins was born and reared in the Peachtree section. She raised her nephew, Sam, and after his marriage, made her home with him.

Auto Tire Thieves Active in Cherokee; Pickings are Rich

Tire thieves are busy throughout the county, and are reaping a rich harvest. Unless caught in the act, they generally can operate safely, because comparatively few car owners have registered their tire numbers. Without registration it is almost impossible to make legal identifications.

Most of the thefts reported have been in the more remote sections of the county, but there have been some instances where cars have been stripped while parked overnight in front of the homes of the owners.

In most cases the thieves have not been content to take merely the tires. They find it easier, quicker, and more profitable to jack up the cars and take wheels complete.

Spares, fastened on the backs of cars, are "duck soup" for the thieves.

One of the most recent victims is Austin Arrant, former linotype operator on The Scout, and now working in the shipyards, in Norfolk, Va. Arrant, whose family is still here, left his car parked beside the road, about fifty feet from the house. The car had four almost new tires, and two extra wheels, with good tires, in fender wells.

Next morning Arrant found his car resting on its axles, all six wheels and tires gone.

A farmer living near the Tennessee line had car trouble on the way home, in the evening, and left the machine parked off the highway. Next morning he found four almost new tires gone. His spare, which was old, was left, but a new tube it contained had been taken out.

More than twenty other tire thefts have been reported during the past week. In almost every case, the car was robbed of wheels too.

Driver in Auto Wreck Uses a New Phrase To Tell of His Speed

A new expression for speeding has come out of the Brassstown section, it is reported by Leonard West, mechanic now employed by the TVA.

West, coming home from work, saw a car lying on its back, at the bottom of ten foot embankment. The driver said the accident happened when he was hurrying to get to a funeral on time. He said his car left the road, "landed on its nose", and turned two somersaults before finally coming to rest upside down. The driver escaped without a scratch.

"It was my own fault" he told Leonard. "I was late, and so I was really bird-working!"

COUNTY'S CLOCKS ARE MOVED BACK TILL FEBRUARY 9

Central Time in Effect For One Week, When Hours Change Again

Cherokee County moved the hands of the clocks back one hour on Monday, and will operate, for one week, under Central Standard Time. Next Monday, Feb. 9, all clocks in the County will be moved up an hour.

Thus the County will observe the Presidential order to advance time, but will operate under the same daylight hours that it has been using all along.

The switching to Central Time was ordered by the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with a resolution introduced by Commissioner E. A. Wood, of Andrews. This resolution read:

"Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is now actively engaged in the construction of several dams in this immediate vicinity and is furnishing employment to more of our citizens than any other industry or agency, and

"Whereas the main office of the Tennessee Valley Authority is in Knoxville, Tenn. in the Central Time Belt, and the Authority therefore operates largely under Central Time,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved: that local time for Cherokee County be, and is hereby declared by the Board of County Commissioners to be Central Standard Time, effective on and after the second day of February, 1942."

It will not be necessary for the Commissioners to call a special meeting to move the clock up again on Feb. 9. That must be done according to a national edict.

The temporary reverting to Central Standard Time throughout the county was voted after it was pointed out that remaining under Eastern Standard Time, and moving the clock up an hour would not only cause much inconvenience and actual discomfort, but also would tend to defeat the purpose of the Presidential order.

The President acted to conserve electric power. Since this county is geographically within the Central Time belt, moving the clock ahead under Eastern time would cause

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NOTICE

Rising costs of paper and labor make it necessary to abandon an old custom. Most of you are old friends of The Scout; and so, when subscriptions have expired, we have just waited for you to come in. We have known you would do so, when convenient.

Much as we would like to continue this policy, rising costs forbid. We simply cannot afford to buy the stock, print it, address it, and pay the postage unless we collect.

The figures which follow your name, on the address, will show whether your subscription has expired. For instance, if the figures are: "9-41", your subscription expired in September, 1941. The first figure shows the month and the second figure shows the year.

If your time has expired, come in and see us—or write. If you renew within the next two weeks, any back subscription that may be due will be cancelled. Just pay for one year's subscription in advance, and those extra weeks you have been getting the paper will be a gift from us.

We don't want to rush you, and so those in arrears will receive two more issues of The Scout.

Then, on February 21, will revise our mailing lists, and the name of every one who is not paid up, will be taken off.

We are sure you realize what we are up against in the way of increasing costs, and we hope you will have us continue to serve you.

Applications for Jobs At Fontana Must be Filed at Bryson City

Applicants for jobs at the Fontana Dam should not go to the dam, but to Bryson City, according to word received here from the TVA. The Bryson City employment office is located in the Community building on the public square. W. N. Rogers, is in charge, having been transferred from a similar post in Murphy.

The chief demand, at present is for clearance workers and men to assist in heavy construction work, and in road building.

Applicants must pass a physician's examination before being employed. Physical tests will be given in the same building.

Later it is planned to open a second personnel office at the dam

1,000 TVA Workers Will Lose Jobs by End of Next Week

Approximately 1,000 workers who have been employed on the several dams in this section are expected to be dropped from the payrolls on the 15th of this month. Still more will be separated from the service in the following two weeks.

Within two months, according to a TVA official, only a skeleton force will remain.

Unskilled laborers are not transferred, according to TVA officials. Skilled and semi-skilled employees can be transferred either to Fontana or to the Douglas Dam, on recommendation of their immediate superiors. Unskilled laborers, will be required to file new applications. If their previous records are good, however, it may be that they will be given preference.

Meanwhile construction and painting of the portable TVA houses in Bealtown continues; and there is no explanation why. Rumors are heard that an auxiliary dam is planned long Martins Creek. Both are entirely without foundation, and TVA officials say they know nothing of any plan for any additional construction in this immediate vicinity.

The rumors persist, however, it being pointed out that it would be an absolute throwing away of money to continue to work on the portable houses unless some project is planned that will supply workers to occupy them.

Students to Get Use Of Space in Library For Recreation Room

High School students are to have a recreation room in the Library building, in Murphy. Arrangements have been made for them to use the Woman's Club room, from 7:30 A. M. daily except during the hours when the club meets.

There will be no dues, or fees. All that is asked is that the students do not break or damage anything. The room may be used for dancing, games, handicraft work, or pursuit of hobbies.

Suggestions for new activities should be made either to Mrs. J. T. Marshall or Mrs. Paul Holley.

Folk School Completes Winter Short Course On Community Work

A Short Course in community development, democratic-style, came to a close Saturday night at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Winter students participated in the one-week sessions conducted for visiting young people from Farm Security Administration Projects in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia.

The course is the second of its kind, the first having been given in February last year, at the request of the Farm Security Administration.

RED CROSS DRIVE SETS U. S. RECORD; COLLECTS \$11,500

Collections Incomplete And Total Expected To Exceed \$12,000

Residents in Murphy, and nearby sections will be advertised all over the nation by the National Red Cross as the most generous donors, as a group, in the United States. Based on population, the Murphy Red Cross chapter set an all time record for the country at large in the recent drive for war relief funds.

Murphy's quota was \$1,000. To date, Chairman Joe Ray has collected \$11,500, and the returns are not yet complete.

Aided by 60 workers, including all the school teachers and many business men who abandoned their private interests to work without pay, the returns exceeded even the hopes of the workers. At the start, they hoped to get \$10,000 but admitted, privately, that the goal might be too high.

It now is believed the total will reach \$12,000; possibly more. Collections are yet to be made from several teachers of rural schools and from all the officials and employees of the Town of Murphy. There also are at least 100 persons whom the workers were unable to contact when making their rounds. These are urged to bring their contributions direct to Chairman Ray, if they live in or near Murphy, or to see the teacher of the nearest school, if they live in one of the smaller localities.

A portion of the money collected will be kept in the local treasury for emergency and relief work at home. A portion also will be allotted to Hiwassee Dam, to Blairsville, Ga. and to Copperhill, Tenn. There were residents of these towns, employed by the TVA, who gave to the Murphy fund instead of to the chapters in their towns. Some of the fund also will be allotted to Andrews, for the same reason.

Just how much will thus be apportioned has not yet been figured out.

Chairman Ray received glowing praise from the Red Cross National Supervisor, for topping the entire nation in the drive. Ray promptly declared that the National organization had "made a mistake."

"The credit does not belong to me", he told the Scout. "It belongs to the splendid corps of volunteers who did practically all the work. A

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Four in Car Struck By Southern Train Escape with Cuts

State highway police are looking for occupants of a car which forced four men in another car so close to the edge of a curve, near Bryson City that the automobile plunged down an embankment directly in the path of the Asheville-Murphy train. It happened last week.

It is believed the men sought live in this section, for they were driving in this direction. They did not stop, and neither their identity nor the license number of their car is known. Police admit there is small chance of apprehending them "unless one of them talks."

The four men in the car which was forced off the road escaped death by a miracle, for the train struck the automobile squarely, and knocked it more than 100 feet.

Fortunately the engineer saw the car as it left the road, and applied the brakes. As a result, one of the occupants escaped injuries entirely, and the other three got only cuts and bruises. The four all live in or near Bryson City.