

SECTION ESCAPES STATE REZONING OF SPEED LAWS

No "Dangerous Curves" Listed in Graham, or Cherokee, or Clay

State highway signs designating speed limits of 35 and 45 miles per hour are being placed throughout the State today, but not one of the counties in the extreme Western section is affected. There will be no change in the speed limits of Swain, Graham, Cherokee or Clay Counties.

A total of 180 new zones has been established in 65 counties. In 155 of the zones, the limit will be 35 miles per hour. In the remaining 25 zones the limit will be 45 miles per hour.

A statement by Governor Broughton, explaining the course as necessary to cut down the increasing number of traffic accidents and deaths calls upon all citizens to observe the new limits. It adds state Highway patrolmen, and all other law enforcement officers have been instructed to arrest all violators "without fear or favor."

The signs being placed will show the exact speed limits. Other signs of warning will be placed well ahead of all curves and dangerous intersections, and congested stretches of road. The zones were established after a study by the State Engineering Department, based on recommendations by State Highway patrolmen.

It had been expected that several curves in Graham, Cherokee and Clay, and a few in Swain County would be posted, but evidently all were regarded as sufficiently safe so as not to need any cutting down of the present driving limits.

Mrs. Virginia Ashley, 78, Buried at Brasstown

After more than a year of suffering, Mrs. Virginia Ashley, 78 years old, died at the home of her son, Larkin, in the Brasstown section on Monday. The aged widow was buried Tuesday after services in the Green Cove church, with the Rev. Cantrell officiating. Interment was in the church-yard cemetery, with Townson Funeral Home in charge.

Her husband died for many years, Mrs. Ashley made her home with her son. She also is survived by two other sons, Will and Charlie, both of the Brasstown section and by four daughters.

The daughters are: Mrs. Tillie Frankum, of Brasstown; Mrs. Delzie West, of Warne; Mrs. Maggie Buchanan, of Marble, Rt. 1; and Mrs. Sallie Frankum, of Knoxville.

NEW LENS FOR HENN

The management, Mr. P. J. Henn, announces that he is installing a new optical lens in the sound system of the Hiwassee Dam Theatre and will open Friday, March 20th, with "Little Nellie Kelly" featuring Judy Garland and George Murphy.

AX THE AXIS

Miracle of Calvary To Be Re-enacted Atop Burger Mountain On Easter Morn

Delegations from all Mid-Western and Southern States are expected at the Easter Dawn Pageantry and worship this year on Burger Mountain, near Hiwassee Dam, U. S. Highway No. 294 goes right to the top of the mountain.

Worshippers gathering for the Service, will see, in the first faint light of dawn, "Mary Magdalene and women" stealthily approaching the "empty tomb" with the "stone rolled away." The other women turn in dismay, but "Mary Magdalene" returns to worship and weep.

Lions Club Forms Defense Unit of 20; Plans Stunt Night

The Murphy Lions club held its regular supper meeting Tuesday evening at the Regal hotel with the president, W. A. Sherrill, presiding.

Discussion of a civilian defense organization resulted in the formation of a unit of 20 members. This unit will serve, when needed, in civilian defense activities. One of the first projects will be a county-wide registration of all tires to prevent tire theft and to assist in apprehending tire thieves.

Plans also were made for participation in a stunt night program for the benefit of the Carnegie library.

Frank Ellis, Dale Snodgrass, and W. A. Sherrill comprise a committee to sponsor troop No. 1, of the Boy Scouts. The club sponsored the adult membership drive for the western district of the Boy Scouts. A considerable sum of money has been collected by various members up to this time.

Farmer Federation Elects Officers At Meeting In Murphy

"We have been looking out for new markets for farm products for years," said James G. K. McClure, President of the Farmers Federation, at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Murphy Federation warehouse last Friday. "And now the markets have crept right up to our door."

"Seven carloads of eggs are needed every week at Fort Bragg. Can the farmers of Cherokee county supply a carload of eggs? Now is time for us to get into the poultry business in dead earnest and help our nation to victory and at the same time build up a permanent poultry industry in Cherokee county."

Mr. McClure said that the Federation was helping greatly to keep down the prices of farm supplies in Western North Carolina. He added that this was particularly true in the case of lespedeza seed since the cooperative purchased 20 carloads of lespedeza seed in the fall of 1941 when the price was low. The Federation's purchase of vegetable seeds by the carload also brings good savings to the farmers of Western North Carolina, Mr. McClure declared.

The opening of the new Farmers Federation training school was outlined by Max M. Roberts, educational director of the cooperative. He stressed the importance of having vigorous, religious farm boys in the school.

Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the Lord's Acre work, said that "the churches of Cherokee county must mobilize all their manpower in Lord's Acre projects this year as thoroughly as our army is training for battle."

John Donley spoke briefly and praised the various programs of the Federation at work in Cherokee county.

D. Witherspoon was renominated by the stockholders for a two-year term as a director of the Federation. (Continued on back page)

FIFTEEN LISTED AS DELINQUENTS IN ARMY DRAFT

Three of Number From Andrews, and Facing F. B. I. Prosecution

Covering a period of three months or more the following names have accumulated as draft delinquents in Cherokee County:

Frank Charles Blackwell, Vests, N. C.; Jewell Dexter Burnett, Hiwassee Dam, N. C.; Clarence Buck Carland, Murphy, N. C.; Max Danie, Cordell, Hickory, N. C.; James Edward Franklin, Marlboro, Mass.; Kelley Willie Brown, Andrews, N. C.; John Robert Voyles, Ranger, N. C.; Paul Clifton Best, Andrews, N. C.; Poley Francis May, Murphy, N. C.; James Edwin West, Topton, N. C.; Joe Rose, Hickory, N. C.; John Clinton Bryson, Rt. No. 2, Murphy, N. C.; Burl Wallace Chastain, Falmouth, Va.; William David Smith, Andrews, N. C.

Any one knowing whereabouts of these persons will please notify the local draft board.

PRIMARIES NEAR; COUNTY OFFICES "GOING BEGGING"

Carl Townson and John Donley Will Refuse To Run Is Report

For once in the history of Cherokee County—and so far as is known, for the first time—the offices seem to be seeking the men instead of the other way around. Reference is made to the primaries for County posts, to be held within the next few weeks.

Candidates must be chosen for the office of Register of Deeds, Clerk of the Superior Court and for Sheriff. Thus far B. L. Padgett, present Register of Deeds has been the only one to announce himself as a candidate for reelection.

None of the other officials now in office are willing to be quoted as to their intentions. Rumors are persistent that neither Sheriff Townson, nor John Donley will make the race again. Friends of both insist, however, that both not only will run, but will be reelected. Both are Republicans.

The Democrats are said to be having trouble finding candidates for either of these offices. Rumor has it that Lester Mason, former Sheriff, who was defeated by Carl Townson in the last race, will run again. There also is a report that Lee Shields may be a candidate, for Sheriff, but Mr. Shields says he will have to "change his mind first." Friends of Walter Mauney have asked him to make the race for Sheriff, but to date he has not agreed.

Should Sheriff Townson refuse to
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Sunday School Groups To Meet At Peachtree

The Western North Carolina Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet with Peachtree Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, 2:30 p. m. This Convention includes all the Baptist Sunday Schools of Cherokee and Clay counties.

The program will include: Congregational Singing; devotional by Lawson Lunsford; Roll Call of Sunday Schools and Reports; Special Music.

Special Feature by Young Peoples Group of Peachtree Sunday School; Congregational Singing; and an address on "The Sunday School as a Church Teaching Agency," by the Rev. Fred Stiles.

Murphy And Andrews Join Forces To Form County Wide Chamber

NOAH LOVINGOOD NAMED BY BOARD AS "REAL" MAYOR

Peyton G. Ivie Is Chosen For Pro-Aem Post: Board One Man Shy

Hardly had the Scout gone to press last week, and before it had reached its readers, the Town Board of Murphy met in called session and elected Mr. Noah Lovingood as Mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles Mayfield.

Board member Peyton G. Ivie was elected Mayor Pro-Tem. No one was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation and elevation of Mayor Lovingood, it being felt that the time intervening before the regular elections is too short to warrant such a course.

Mr. Lovingood had been functioning as Mayor since Mr. Mayfield's death, but it was pointed out to him that this course was not proper. The law required that a Mayor be regularly elected.

Mr. Lovingood therefore resigned not only as Mayor-Protem, but also as a member of the Board. His election followed a few moments later, and was unanimous.

It was not necessary for Mr. Ivie to resign from the Board as he will continue to function as a member unless the new Mayor should be out of town. His election as Mayor Pro-Tem also was unanimous.

Although the primary is only a few weeks distant, no one has yet offered himself as a candidate either for the full term of Mayor, or for membership on the Board. Whether Mr. Lovingood will offer to succeed himself is not known.

It has been definitely stated by some members of the Board, that they do not wish to serve again.

Union Church Revival For Next Few Weeks

Revival services which have been held in the Union Church, Baptist, Factorytown, will continue for the next few weeks. Services will be held each night at 7:30 and Sunday at 11 a. m.

An added privilege will be to hear the Rev. M. C. Ballew, who will be here March 27-29. Rev. Ballew has visited here before and the people of the church are looking forward to a stimulated meeting.

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N. C. Farmers Warned To File Claims For Triple A Payments Before March 31

Farmers who participated in the 1941 Agricultural Adjustment Administration program must file application for conservation and parity payments by March 31, according to E. Y. Floyd, state executive officer.

More than 213,000 farm operators took part in the program last year, and each of these must file an application, he said. Payments will not be made on applications filed after the deadline.

Mr. Floyd said applications should be signed at the Triple A office in the county in which the farm is located. It was pointed out that farmers will not be required to come to the county offices to receive their checks this year. U. S. Department of Agriculture officials have announced that checks will be mailed directly to

Starting Fund of \$700 Pledged At Meeting To Map Program

Definite steps toward formation of a County-Wide Chamber of Commerce were taken Tuesday night when the recently elected Board of Directors of the Murphy Chamber met with a dozen leading residents of Andrews to discuss ways and means.

The meeting was held in the Court house, in Murphy, and before it had ended the 24 men present had pledged themselves to raise \$700 to start a fund for the hiring of a full-time county-wide Secretary. This official would devote his entire efforts to the interests of the County at large.

Those at the meeting agreed that a treasury fund of at least \$3,000 would be needed to start. The money would go for salary for the secretary, for office and travelling expenses, and for advertising.

Although, at present, Andrews and Murphy combined, are attempting to underwrite the plan, the program is intended to embrace every settlement in the County, with members in every locality. Membership would make duplicate that every resident would be urged to join. And with every family represented it was believed that the County would really go places.

According to the plan, every locality would be entitled to at least one member of the Board of Directors. Headquarters might be either in Murphy or Andrews or an office might be maintained in each town, with the Secretary dividing his time between the two. It also has been suggested that the office be established at Marble, half way between Murphy and Andrews, and just about the center of the County.

The representatives from Andrews will sound out sentiment in that town. Support by residents of the smaller communities has long since been assured.

The County-wide idea is based on the old fable of the bundle of twigs. Take any one twig, and it is easily broken, but gathered together in a compact bundle those twigs have plenty of strength.

There also is a growing realization, now that the workers on the various Cherokee projects are leaving, that something must be done. And it is admitted that what helps any one section of the county helps all.

Pending formation of a County-wide Chamber, Directors of the Murphy group have postponed steps toward electing local officers, indefinitely. The County-wide chamber would

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