

MURPHY WINNER OF GRAND PRIZE IN WNC CONTEST

Students Prove Selves Best at Cullowhee's Sectional Field Day

Murphy Schools covered themselves with glory at the Scholastic and Athletic Field Day held in Cullowhee last Saturday. Schools from just about every unit in Western North Carolina except Andrews took part. The latter, with fine prospects, couldn't overcome transportation difficulties.

Murphy won the grand prize, consisting of a mounted trophy, and a \$50 scholarship to WCTC, to be awarded through competition. They also won first prizes in the Business Education, the Music and Art divisions. Murphy students won 10 individual first places, 13 seconds, and nine thirds.

Individual results follow:
Thelma Hall, 2nd 50 yard dash and 3d in 100 yard dash.

Nelle Davis, 2nd in basket ball throwing.

Billie Cornwell and Frank Ingram 2nd in three legged race.

Frank Ingram 3d in relay race.

Charles Sneed 3d in 50 yard dash, in 100 yard dash and in relay race.

Jerry Beatty, 3d in geometry.

Fred Kilpatrick 2nd in manual training.

Nancy Smith 1st in dress making.

Mary Lee Teague 2nd in dress making.

Clarence Noegel 1st sculpture, pencil sketching, water color sketching and oil painting; 2nd in building of model steam engines.

Gloria Ann Kendrick 1st in vocal.

Mary Evelyn Carringer 2nd in vocal.

Mary Lou Hatchett, Mary Ann Moore and Martha Jane Thorne best trio.

Sue Roberts, Mary Jo Lloyd, Nettie McDonald, Eva Nell Hatchett, Mary Lou Hatchett, Louise Ensley, Mary Ann Moore and Martha Jane Thorne best girls chorus.

Annie Laura Mulkey 2nd in world history.

Mary Frances Shields 3d in American history.

Doris Green 1st in hobbies, foods note book.

Marie Arp 2nd for canning tomatoes.

Mae Arp 2nd for canned beans.

Irene Reece 2nd for canned pear preserves.

Barbara Robinson 1st in general business education.

Jayne Ricks 1st in book keeping.

Charlie Hughes 1st in typing.

Barbara Ruebensaal 2nd in short hand.

Ray Smith 3d in book keeping.

Joe Webb 2nd in general science for seniors.

Edith Arrowood 3d in biology.

Louin Little, of U. S. N. Home on Brief Leave

Home for the first time in years, Louin Little of the Macedonia community, came back this week wearing the uniform of the U. S. Navy, and with the rating of mechanic. He was granted five days leave from his ship, now anchored in a northern port, to visit his father, E. L. Little, who has been seriously ill.

Sailor Little enlisted eighteen months ago, and since then has visited many foreign ports, including Pearl Harbor, and Iceland. This was the first extended leave he had been granted since "signing up."

COTTON

Cotton is of such great importance in meeting military and civilian demands that the United States is now consuming more than 45,000 bales each day.

Rubberless golf balls may soon be placed on the market.

Death Threats Sent to Two Murphy Men; One Signed with Skull

Threats of death have been received by Preston Mann, Movie theater owner, and Frank Dickey, Murphy merchant.

Henn received the first threat. It was stuck under the door of his home, and warned him that unless he left town that day he would die before midnight. The threat, rudely printed with a pencil, on cheap notebook paper was turned over to the police. It was, of course, unsigned.

The threat against Mr. Dickey was sent through the mails, on a postal card. A skull and cross bones were rudely drawn in place of a signature. The card was postmarked Gainesville, Ga.

Whether the Postal authorities will be called on to investigate is not known.

83 Seniors To Get Dips at Highschool Monday, April 27th

Eighty three seniors will receive diplomas at graduating exercises in the Murphy High school on Monday evening, April 27. Anna Jean Dickey, is class valedictorian and Nell Atnos Hensley is salutatorian. The two girls won these honors by outstanding proficiency in studies.

Dr. Stewart McClelland, President of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn., and a noted orator, will address the graduates.

Commencement exercises will begin Friday evening, April 24, when the drama school will stage a music festival in the High school auditorium, and seventh grade students will receive certificates of promotion. These students formerly would have entered high school but under the new system which goes into effect next fall, there will be twelve grades and high school work will not begin until the Ninth grade.

About fifteen seniors plan coming back next year to enter the Twelfth grade, and take special courses.

Not part of the official exercises, but of general interest, will be a piano and voice recital in the auditorium Thursday night, by the private music pupils of Mrs. Jerry Davidson and Miss Phillips.

The Baccalaureate Sermon, on Sunday, April 26, will be preached by the Rev. A. B. Cash, of the First Baptist Church, Murphy.

Townson and Heaton Try to Enlist But Both Army and Navy Say No

Two prominent young men of this section tried in vain to enlist last week. Both would seem to be fine physical specimens, but were turned down by the examining physicians, of both the army and the navy.

The two are Mayor Robert Heaton, of Andrews, and Quentown Townson, son of the High Sheriff. Both preferred the air corps, but were willing to enter any branch.

After being rejected for the air service Mayor Heaton tried to get in the quartermaster corps. He thought less strenuous work might make him acceptable there, but he was turned down again.

Eager to serve, the young Mayor was more than discouraged. His draft number has not yet been called, but under the new system, he again would be examined by army surgeons, and so there seems little chance of his getting into uniform.

Young Townson's experiences were just about the same as Heaton's. Townson had been dieting for more than a month, to get down to the proper weight, only to be rejected because of imperfect eyesight. His right eye was "off", the doctors said—which was news to him.

The Sheriff's son is considering going to Canada, where the physical requirements are less exacting.

NEW ROAD WORK UNDER STATE BAN UNTIL WAR ENDS

Only Essential Repairs To Receive Approval Says Raleigh Edict

State Highway Commissioner P. B. Ferebee received word from Raleigh on Monday that all highway work, with the exception of needed repairs, is in the discard for the duration of the war.

An exception will be made, of course, in the case of any road needed for defense, but such a need is unlikely in view of the fact that no new cantonments or military developments are contemplated in this State. In any event such work probably would be done by the Federal Government.

Exceptions will also be made on any contracts signed on or before April 9. This means that the new highway from Asheville, which passes some five or six miles outside of Sylva, and which was bitterly opposed by residents of that town, probably will be put in first-class shape. Much of it is already completed.

Maintenance of the present road system will be continued, but there will be no new projects, such as widening, or straightening, unless the total amount involved is less than \$5,000. With labor and materials at the present price limits, very little can be done for that amount.

Ever repairs may be slow in coming according to Commissioner Ferebee, because of labor shortage, difficulty in getting materials and an enormous difficulty in getting equipment.

Two projects planned for this county by Mr. Ferebee will have to be abandoned until Hitler, Mussolini and the Japs have been taught their lesson.

The most important of these projects, on which a survey has already been made, involved the straightening and widening of the highway from Murphy to the Tennessee line. This would have reduced the distance to Chattanooga, and was expected to more than double the tourist travel into Cherokee County.

The narrow, twisting road has caused many motorists from Tennessee to take the road via Franklin.

The other project was for the widening and straightening of the mountain road from Andrews to Robbinsville, which would cut the travel distance in half.

Commissioner Ferebee said that from now on every highway dollar would be subjected to triple scrutiny before being spent.

"Except for repairs that are absolutely necessary" he said, "road work in this section, and throughout the whole state, is just about over."

O. G. Anderson Named Explosives Supervisor

Mr. O. G. Anderson, of Culberson, has been appointed Federal Agent to supervise use of explosives in Cherokee County. His appointment came from the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Use of explosives, for any purpose, requires a Federal permit. Mr. Anderson issues these permits, if applications are satisfactory.

NOTICE

We plan to revise the mailing list again next week.

If the figures following your name on the wrapper read 4-42, or 5-42, they mean that your subscription expires this month. If so, you will receive just one more paper after this, unless you renew.

We are sorry, but rising costs and the scarcity of paper prevent us from mailing the Scout to any except subscribers who are paid up.

We are sure you will appreciate this and will cooperate.

Maude Dickey Breaks Wrist When She Falls "Up" Stairs at Home

Lots of people have fallen down stairs, but it remained for Mrs. Maude Dickey to fall UP stairs. She fractured her left wrist.

The accident happened in her home last Sunday night. The victim had just returned from Bryson City and was sitting on the stairs talking to a group of friends. Rising to ascend she stepped on an edge of her overcoat, and fell upwards. Instinctively she stuck out her arm to break the fall, and the full force of her weight descended on her wrist, snapping it.

Speed Limits Cut For All Vehicles Operated by State

North Carolina's highway equipment will be treated with kid gloves for the duration according to S. C. Austin, equipment engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Speed limits for all highway department vehicles have been placed at a minimum and all employees have printed directions pasted in the cabs of their vehicles offering five rules of safety and a list of "dos" and "dont's" for the conservation of equipment.

Passenger cars owned by the Commission are limited to a 40 mile per hour speed limit which is in line with the policy of the President, pickup trucks 35, three-ton trucks 25, trucks with semitrailer 20 and heavy duty trailers 15.

Speed for highway vehicles is cut still further in western North Carolina.

All tires belonging to the State Highway Commission are branded with a special number as well as NC SHC as means of identification should tires be stolen. This numbering system also serves as a definite check as to the mileage being secured for individual tires.

"Don't" on the list supplied each Highway Commission vehicle operator include no jack-rabbit starts, slidig stops, curb scraping, racing around curves or riding on flat tires.

Baptist Pastors Tell Personal Experiences In Their Church Work

Baptist ministers from Sylva, Robbinsville, Marble and Murphy told their most interesting personal experiences in church service at a fellowship meeting of the Baptist pastors of Western North Carolina Monday. The group met at the First Baptist church in Murphy, for their quarterly session.

This was the first year in which churches of the extreme Western end of the State have been included in the group. The Rev. E. F. Baker, of Andrews, President of the organization.

"Worship" was the chief topic discussed at Monday's meeting, with the Rev. W. H. Covert, of Bryson City; the Rev. H. K. Mosteller, of Canton; and the Rev. C. F. Rogers, of Franklin, taking part. The Rev. Edgar Wilcox, of Andrews, conducted the devotional and the Rev. L. C. Cutts, of Copperhill, delivered an inspirational message. Lunch was served by the host church, of which the Rev. A. B. Cash is pastor.

Fred Stiles, of Murphy, led the devotional at the afternoon session and F. H. Leatherwood, of Hazelwood, discussed "The True Worshipers." Then came the personal experiences, related by the Revs. A. B. Cash and W. P. Elliott, of Murphy, Roy Garland, of Robbinsville, W. W. Marr, of Marble and G. C. Teague, of Sylva.

The Rev. J. A. Herring, of Cullowhee, concluded the session with a discussion of "The Prospect for True Worshipers."

OFFICES BEGGING AS G. O. P. NAMES COUNTY TICKET

Two of Candidates Say They May Withdraw: Democrats Silent

With Saturday the last day on which candidates can file, the voters may find themselves facing a situation where there is an office with nobody wanting to fill it, and other offices where there may be candidates from only one party. It is the first time in the history of the county that such a condition has existed.

Nobody in either party seems to want to be Clerk of the Court. Under the present set-up the office doesn't pay much more than a pick and shovel job with the WPA.

The post pays \$2,500 a year, which is some \$2,833 1-3 per month. Out of this he must hire his own clerical force, which will cost him not less than \$150 per month. That leaves only \$58.33 1-3 for himself.

John Donley, the present clerk flatly refused to consider running again. Charles Crane, of Andrews, accepted the Republican nomination for the post, last Saturday, but on Monday he told this writer that, thinking it over, he didn't see how he could afford to make the race. He has not yet formally withdrawn.

"Add the expense of campaigning to all the rest," he said, "and it comes out that you would be just about working for nothing. AND, of course, you might lose. Anyhow, when you get out of office, you'll have to start from scratch, because your former business will be gone."

The same line of reasoning was followed by E. L. Shields, who filed as a Democratic candidate for the post, but who last week withdrew his name.

After much persuasion, J. Lawrence Hall was finally persuaded to seek the Democratic race for Clerk, and filed Thursday afternoon. Hall, veteran of World War I, is widely known as operator of the Woco Pep filling station in Murphy. He tried to volunteer for more service in the army, but was rejected.

It may be that there will be no Republican candidates for two of the County Commissionerships and no Democratic candidate for the other. Meeting in Convention Saturday, the Republicans nominated Milt Anderson, of the Culberson section, who now holds the post for the lower end of the County; Ernest E. Stiles for the Murphy, Peachtree and Brasstown district, and Horace Higdon of Andrews, for the upper end of the County.

Mr. Stiles told the writer, on Tuesday that he probably would withdraw. "The district is so strongly Democratic," he explained "that a Republican would be just spending his time and this money to get beaten."

It is reported that T. P. Calhoun, incumbent, will not run again. J. H. Stratton, popular farmer, and a Democrat, carries an announcement elsewhere in this issue. He has many friends in both parties.

Meanwhile, Mr. Higdon, Andrews merchant, is said to be doubtful about running against Commissioner Ed Wood. The latter, a power in the Commission, can almost certainly be re-elected if he chooses to run, or weeks has declared that he would not serve again; but members of his party have been "working on him," and he now is believed to be wavering.

On the other hand, the Democrats may not try to run anybody against Commissioner Anderson, in the lower end of the county. That section is so strongly Republican that a Democrat probably wouldn't even come close.

Clyde Jarrett, beaten last time by the late James Mallonee, Jr., was again nominated to make the Republican race for the State House of Representatives. No Democratic can-
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