

USO DRIVE STARTS NEXT TUESDAY WITH \$1,000 GOAL

Chairman Ferebee To Appoint Workers For Canvassing Cherokee

Cherokee county will play its part in providing recreation for Uncle Sam's service men. A national campaign to raise \$32,000,000 for recreational activities carried on by the USO adjacent to military camps, naval stations and defense centers throughout the United States will open next Tuesday and continue for three weeks ending June 30.

To help further the raising of funds for this worthy task, this county has been divided into two districts. P. B. Ferebee, chairman, announced early in the week. W. A. Reece will direct the campaign in Andrews and vicinity, while Frank Forsyth will have charge of the Murphy division. Cherokee county is asked to contribute \$1,000 toward North Carolina's quota of \$420,000. From 30 to 40 canvassers will be appointed by Mr. Ferebee to call upon citizens of the county for subscriptions. Community leaders will be selected from Topton, Marble and other sections.

When men join the colors, Mr. Ferebee pointed out, they join the biggest club in the world—the USO. The membership of United Service Organizations includes every mother's son in the fighting uniform of Uncle Sam. By the end of this year there will be 3,600,000 of them. Built at the very thresholds of camps and training stations, USO clubhouses welcome the off-duty fighter to their roaring firesides, their lounges and social halls.

A tri-color sticker to be pasted on the glass door of the family car or the entrance door of the home will be distributed to each contributor. A metal emblem of the USO will be given to each person making a donation.

There are 407 clubhouses. With 163 smaller operations, they give comfort and cheer, recreation and rest to all who shoulder guns or make them. These operational units—570 in all—are busy in 269 communities of forty-three States. A chain of sixteen rings the world from Alaska to Hawaii and thence to the Canal Zone and bases in the Caribbean. From there the chain stretches north to end in Bermuda.

Manned by 1112 trained workers, the many chapter houses of this greatest of all fraternities, chalk up a monthly total of daily peak attendance well beyond 1,000,000 visitors, according to Ray Johns, director of USO's field operations.

The reason for such patronage is summarized by Paul V. McNutt, administrator of the Federal Security Agency, in the following words addressed to the Twenty-sixth Congress of the National Recreation Association:

"All in all, the composite picture is one of community hospitality that is spontaneous, open-handed and genuinely friendly. This is what ninety-nine out of a hundred soldiers want—for, after all, these young men are a cross-section of all of our people.

"What most of them are looking for is something to bridge the gap between the army barracks and the old home town. What they used to do of an evening or a Sunday, they want to do now on leave. They want someone to talk to... they want to meet girls and they want to dance with them... I have even met some who want to do such unusual things as weeding a flower bed, or reading a book.

"In short, they want—unconsciously perhaps, but often quite desperately—to keep hold of their
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COFFEE AND CAKE ON WHEELS



When the soldier can't go to USO, USO goes to the soldier. Here are Army men, on detached duty at a post far from camp and USO clubhouses, getting coffee and doughnuts from the operator of a USO mobile unit. These traveling clubs also bring movies, cigarettes, games, writing materials and reading matter to isolated units of the fighting forces. It is to carry on the USO clubhouse program and such extra services as mobile units that the USO War Fund Campaign for \$32,000,000 will be conducted May 11-July 4.

Murphy P. O Receipts For May Over \$300.00 More Than Year Ago

Business has been excellent in Murphy this spring. The post office records prove it, according to Postmaster Howard Moody. Stamp sales during May showed a gain of \$336.27 over the same month a year ago. Receipts last month totaled \$1,520.92, compared with \$1,184.65 for May, 1941.

Chandler Recovers Car After Two-Day Chase

At least one of Uncle Sam's Army men found out that desertion doesn't pay and that stealing a motor car to aid in his get away was poor strategy. Private Rooks, of near Mebane, N. C., who deserted from the Army last week, spotted A. B. Chandler's car parked in front of the Murphy Cafe last Saturday afternoon, drove the machine to Lake Lure, where it was found undamaged the following day by Corporal Quinn and patrolman Speed, both of the State Highway Patrol. Police officer Pritchard Smith went to Hendersonville on Monday to recover the car. The car was returned undamaged after having been driven about 140 miles.

Hiwassee Scenery Is Marvelous—Frances Dee

Frances Dee, the colorful screen star, gave Murphy and vicinity the once over early in the week and was delighted with the charms of our mountain region. She arrived at Cherokee Inn last Sunday with a group of film artists who are busy snapping scenery for a new picture. They were discreetly silent about details concerning their activities, but left no doubt that Western North Carolina had captivated them and that they would spend more time here in the future.

This was Frances Dee's first visit here, coming from Knoxville. She told friends here that this section had more appeal than Tennessee. She left here last Monday, while the remainder of the group stayed for further locale work. Others in the party included P. Lorentz, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Digges, William Clothier, James B. Starkey, Leo Green, George F. McGonigle, R. W. Wiedeman, W. C. Brock, W. W. Collins, Ed Cheek and E. T. Harris.

The movie group have attracted considerable attention as they motored from the Murphy hotel to the scene of operations. In their cars were carried necessary costumes and make-up used in taking their pictures.

Lieut. Fleming Is Unaccounted For On Bataan

News that Lieut. E. Pearce Fleming, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fleming, of Asheville and former residents of Murphy, is among United States soldiers in the Philippines unaccounted for since the fall of Bataan has been received here. The missing Army man is a grandson of E. L. Bayless and a nephew of Mrs. J. N. Hill. The Fleming family moved to Asheville in 1926 and make their home at 234 Shelburne Road.

Lieut. Fleming had been stationed on the island of Luzon about a year before the outbreak of the war with Japan. His mother last heard from him on November 18. Ten days later he telephoned his wife in Columbia, S. C.

Lieut. Fleming's mother said she believed he either was a prisoner of war, or was still free on one of the many islands in the Philippines.

After entering the army in December, 1939, as a second lieutenant in the reserve corps, he was selected for special training with the 20th infantry at Fort Jackson, S. C., in December, 1940. He was promoted to first lieutenant last November.

Twenty-three years old, he attended Asheville high school and was graduated from N. C. State college in 1939 with a degree in industrial engineering. While at State, he was a member of the R. O. T. C. and a cadet captain, a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Upsilon Sigma Alpha, national honorary military fraternity, and Scabbard and Blade.

Firemen And Police Organize For Defense

A dinner meeting of the Murphy fire department was held at the Dickey Hotel, Friday evening.

The object of the meeting was to organize the auxiliary police and firemen for defense. Captain Frank Swan, of Andrews, gave a talk on Civilian Defense. Mayor E. L. Shields also talked to the group. It was decided to send several members to Asheville to take a special course, on June 2, 3, and 4.

Those present were: Lester Schoop, F. G. Ellis, E. L. Shields, Fred Johnson, Harry Sword, H. G. Eikles, J. C. O'Dell, F. W. Swan, F. E. Dickey, J. B. Smith, Fred Swaim, Wess Garrett, George Townson, Henry Seabolt, T. W. Kindley, Loren C. Davis, G. E. Cook and E. O. Christopher.

Cherokee County Tops Haywood In May Sales Of U. S. War Bonds

With a May quota of \$29,100.00 in war bonds to shoot at, Cherokee county came through with a total of \$34,000 worth of the bonds that help to put our armed forces out in front.

Postmaster Howard Moody was elated at the result. He said that Haywood county, with the towns of Capton and Waynesville, only succeeded in absorbing bonds valued at \$28,200.00. He said that this puts Cherokee in an extremely favorable light. Cherokee's quota for June is \$45,800.00, which will require more extended effort. The Postmaster stated that war bond sales handled through the Murphy post office from January through May of this year totaled \$90,618.75, while the May total for the local post office was \$13,706.25.

New Auto Drivers Will Have Weekly Service In Murphy

E. B. Higgins, state driving license examiner for nine counties west of Haywood, will be available each Wednesday to county residents applying for motor car driving licenses. He will be found at the office of D. M. Reece, state patrol headquarters here. In his weekly rounds of Western North Carolina counties, Mr. Higgins is a much traveled man.

These driving licenses are given both road and vision examinations. If they cannot answer the questions fired at them, then they are given a manual of traffic rules to take home and study.

Mr. Higgins said that he expects the next session of the state legislature to pass a measure providing for issuing of new driving licenses for every motorist in North Carolina with provision made for reexamination every four or five years. The present law went into effect seven years ago. "There is plenty of time for a person's vision to change greatly in that period," Mr. Higgins pointed out. He told of one case where a youth of 17 years was unable to read clearly a line of type the size of a newspaper headline at a distance of 20 feet. A pair of glasses promptly remedied the defect.

ELECTION SLATES COMPLETED FOR NOVEMBER FIGHT.

Senator Josiah Bailey Has Nearly 7-1 Lead Over Fountain Here

The Democratic Primary last Saturday was a hum-drum affair compared with some Cherokee County elections of other years. Although the contenders for the United States Senate and solicitor supplied most of the ballyhoo, there were more thrills in the contest for the three members of the county board of education. It developed into a sure enough horse race, as a shift of 40 votes would have given the low man a place on the board. The three winners were bunched with E. B. Palmer, top man, receiving 907 votes. Lawson Lunsford runner-up with 891, and Noah Hembree next with 842. J. T. Hayes, of Tomotla, finished fourth with 767 votes. Palmer, Lunsford and Hayes are on the present board.

Senator Josiah Bailey showed his popularity with Cherokee County voters by registering a 7 to 1 verdict over his opponent, Richard T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount. Bailey, who will face a third term fight in November, received 1,643 votes in this county as against 237 for Fountain. In four county precincts, Fountain did not win a vote.

In the lone Republican contest Sam J. Morris, of Raleigh, won the Cherokee county designation over Stoner W. Klutz, of Hickory, for the U. S. Senate, 24 votes to 6.

The race for solicitor of the 20th district did not develop the close proportions expected by many observers. The present solicitor, John M. Queen, of Waynesville, ran rough shod over Baxter C. Jones, of Bryson City, 1,149 to 295, nearly four to one.

The only other race in Saturday's primary developed when J. H. Stratton, of Peachtree, sought to displace T. P. Calhoun, of Murphy, incumbent, as a member of the County Board of Commissioners representing the second district. Calhoun won the decision with 381 votes to 121. The two other Democratic candidates for county commissioner from the first and third districts had no opposition.

E. B. Whitaker ran rough shod over A. L. Penland in the race for state senator in the 33rd Senatorial District with 1,169 votes to 303. This district comprises Cherokee, Graham, Clay, Macon and Swain counties.

In addition to the above names, the Cherokee County Democrats will enter the campaign with the following ticket: Representative in the General Assembly, Mrs. Giles Cover, Sr., of Andrews; Sheriff, L. L. Mason; Clerk of Court, J. Lawrence Hall; Register of Deeds, B. L. Bass; Pudgett; and County Commissioner of First District, E. A. Woods.

The Republican county slate in the November election will include: Sheriff, Carl Townson, incumbent; County Commissioners, First District, Horace Higdon, of Andrews; Second District, Ernest E. Stiles; Third District, Milt Anderson, incumbent, of the Culbertson section; Clerk of Court, George Phillips; Register of Deeds, Marion Morrow, of the Violet section; and State Representative in the General Assembly, Clyde Jarrett, of Andrews. No candidate for either party has announced for the office of coroner.

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