

## Our Cherokee County 4-H Clubs Instills Love of Farm Life Into Seventy-Three Boys

### Future Citizens Learn Agricultural Methods And Build Character

Teen age boys, 73 of them to be exact, in Cherokee county, are absorbing the rudiments of agriculture and are learning a deeper appreciation of the advantages derived from rural life. They do not live as did their grandfathers in many respects the drudgeries of farm life a half century ago have been eliminated. To many a boy the allure of high pressure city existence with higher salaries and higher outgo as well, fall on deaf ears. A great majority of Cherokee 4-H Club members, like their one million-odd brothers throughout the nation, will carry on the work of their fathers when they finish school and college.

The five 4-H clubs, known as Murphy, Peachtree, Martin's Creek, Andrews and Marble, are in charge of Carl Whiteside, assistant county farm agent, who arrived in Murphy about a month ago. He is enthusiastic about his assignment and promises to meet all the boys throughout the county just as soon as other pressing duties will allow. Right now, he is full of plans for Cherokee County week in July at the western district 4-H Club camp at Swannanoa. A large attendance there is anticipated because war activities are forcing the camp to close after this summer's term.

As the Cherokee Scout editor talked with Mr. Whiteside in the county farm agent's office, Jack Robinson, of Andrews, one of the future beef cattle raisers of that community, rushed in and gave a thrilling account of how he was breaking his rather obstreperous Angus bull to a halter. It looked as though Mr. Bull had met his match and would have to follow the lead of his young master. Cherokee county is apt to be heard from at the State agricultural fair at Raleigh and elsewhere as a result of the prize-winning beef that is being raised without fanfare or ballyhoo in our mountain coves and valleys.

The four-leaf clover was adopted as the national 4-H Club emblem. The four-fold pledge is: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking; my heart to greater loyalty; my hands to larger service; and my health to better living for my club, my community and my country." The ideals envisaged in this pledge are sufficiently broad to cover all reasonable activities in which our boys and girls might engage. "To Make the Best Better" is the worthy motto adopted.

Girls of Cherokee county play an important part in 4-H Clubs of Cherokee county, but we will write about them another time. One young lady, Miss Hazel Sult, of Postell, N. C., deserves a special writeup because she has chosen a beef calf as her special project. She could doubtless show up some of the boys in raising a blue ribbon specimen. We would like to hear how she manages it.

Of nine listed projects, gardens, with 19, leads among Cherokee 4-H Club members. The remaining projects in order of preference are dairy cattle, 13; corn, 12; beef calves 9; poultry and chickens, 8; pigs, 5; calves, 4; tomatoes, 3; and potatoes, 2.

Below are listed the membership and individual projects of the five Cherokee county 4-H clubs. The numbers following the town of Murphy refer to the route number.

#### Murphy 4-H Club

Dairy Calves: Harold Hall, J. B. Hall and Sherman Hampton, of Murphy; Jerry Hatchett, Lawrence

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## Roy Grant Is Bound Over To Federal Court

Roy Grant, of the Martin's Creek section, was bound over to Federal Court last Thursday by U. S. Commissioner F. O. Bates. Grant was charged with larceny of TVA property. The case will be heard at Bryson City.

## Social Security Board Will Furnish Service In Murphy, Andrews

Miss Linnetta Dean, County Superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare, announced yesterday that the Social Security Board field office in Asheville will maintain regular service on claims and account numbers on each Wednesday following the third Tuesday of each month. Headquarters will be at the Andrews post office at 9:00 o'clock and at the city hall court room in Murphy at 3:00 o'clock, Eastern War Time in both instances.

It was pointed out that payments are due at death to survivors of workers insured under the law first, to the widow, widower or children or second, to parents. Other payments are made at the age of 65 or thereafter to workers insured under the law, or to wives who are 65 years or older or to children under 16 years or 18 years if in school.

## Lions Hear Payson On Farmers' Share In World War Effort

John R. Payson of the Asheville district office of the Farm Security Administration, spoke before the Lions Club at the Regal Hotel, Tuesday evening. His subject was the part that American farmers are playing in feeding our fighting men and those of our allies.

Our farmers must supply England with 10 per cent of the food its fighters will consume next year, as well as to fill the food requirements in part of 24 other nations, Mr. Payson said. We are now producing 20 per cent more in food than in normal times. There are 6,000,000 farm families in the United States and the burden of war food production must fall on half that number, as the larger farms were already producing to capacity before the war. The average annual income of our farmers is very low, as 47 per cent drew cash incomes under \$500 last year.

There are 98 farm families in North Carolina, Mr. Payson said, who do not have milch cows; 32,000 who do not have chickens; 31,000 who are without gardens. There are 278,000 farm families in this state. Many boys are being turned down in the draft because of malnutrition. In Buncombe county one out of three were rejected for this cause.

The Lions Club gave Scoutmaster Ernest Nutting a rising vote of thanks for what he has accomplished with local Boy Scouts. He reported that the boys were showing keen interest in their work. At least one Lion will attend all future Boy Scout meetings.

Joe Ray introduced his guest, Fred Severance, who recently came to Murphy as editor of the Cherokee Scout.



## Murphy Black Bass Season Starts Off With Heavy Hauls

### Estimated Over 200 Anglers Came Here For Opening Day

The opening of the nearly 10-months black bass season was auspiciously launched on Wednesday with an estimated throng of between two and three hundred anglers motoring to Murphy from the lowlands all eager to get the first crack at the finny beauties that lie waiting for them in the half dozen or more mountain lakes in this immediate section.

Duke Whitley said that the number of out-of-town fishermen who had paid the state fishing license tax was well over 250. As the season will run until next April 10, it is evident that pursuers of the finny tribe from Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and other states are not going to allow a little thing like a tire and gasoline shortage to stand in the way of occasional recreation in the mountains. This is one indication that the dark picture painted about our summer resort business prospects may be somewhat overdrawn. Certainly the fact that tables were at a premium at the various cafes last night would not indicate a lack of visitors here.

The heaviest small mouth black bass caught on opening day was reported by C. B. Arrington, owner of the Arrington Mining Company, of Esom Hill, Ga. His specimen tipped the scales at 4 1/2 pounds. The largest of this variety caught last year ran over eight pounds, so bigger fellows may be looked for. Mr. Arrington's party of five anglers caught around 50 pounds of fish between them.

A nice bunch of bream and black bass were hauled in by Wilson Hardy, president of the Hardy Trust Company, of Rome, Ga., Mrs. Hardy and their party. Other fishermen were noted from many points outside this state including Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, and Harlan, Ky.; Rome and Cedartown, Ga.

A number of gratifying local catches were reported by Dr. L. T. Russell, Dr. W. A. Hoover, Wade Massey, Walt Mauney, Patrolman Smith and others. Indications are bright for one of the most notable black bass seasons in years.

## Lightning Deals Death In Storms Of Last Few Days

Death followed in the track of electrical storms that have been of daily occurrence for ten days. Mrs. John O. Anderson, of Culberson, and her four-year-old daughter, Barbara Sue, were instantly killed by lightning at their home about four o'clock last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband and three children. Sisters of the deceased woman are Mrs. G. D. Ledford and Miss Madge Collins, of Murphy. It was reported that Mrs. Anderson was sweeping her porch at the time of the fatal bolt.

The day before, last Thursday, Simmie Frees Woody, TVA workman, was killed as the lightning bolt struck a steel rail at the mouth of the Appalachia dam on the Hiwassee river below Murphy. Five other injured workmen were rushed to the TVA hospital at Fanner, Tenn.

The Townson Funeral home had charge of the funeral services, Sunday afternoon at Shady Grove Baptist church with 3,000 people paying their respects.

Mrs. Patsy Ledford has returned to her home in Gastonia, after a visit here with her son, Mr. Fred Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

## Local Chamber of Commerce Starts New Year By Naming Board; J. B. Gary President

### Murphy Men Arrive Safely Overseas

News has been received by Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Hall, of Murphy, that their son, Pfc. Donald L. Hall, 24, was among an Army contingent arriving in Australia recently. Also reaching Australia several weeks ago was Pfc. Clyde Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woods, of Murphy, R. F. D. No. 3.

### Sheriff Townson Knocked Out By Electric Bolt

Being out in a downpour is nothing at all to Sheriff J. C. Townson, but an electric storm is something else, especially when a bolt gets too familiar and knocks him over suddenly without any explanations.

The Sheriff was standing by a fence bordering his extensive farm near Andrews. As he rested a moment with his hands on the fence a blinding lightning flash traveled along the fence wire and knocked the sheriff out cold. After a few moments he revived, but his left arm felt partially numb until next day.

The next time a lightning bolt seeks to cultivate the sheriff's acquaintance, he will keep away from wire fences.

## F. O. Christopher Is Named American Legion Commander

At a meeting of Joe Miller Elkin Post of the American Legion, Fred O. Christopher was elected Post Commander to succeed J. L. Hall. Delegates who will represent the Post at the twenty-fourth annual state convention in Asheville, June 22 and 23, include J. L. Hall, chairman; J. C. Odell, secretary; T. J. Mauney, A. W. McIver and Fred O. Christopher; alternates, Harry Walton and J. B. Shields.

Legion Post officers for the new year are J. L. Hall, Post Commander; Dr. M. P. Whichard, first vice-commander; J. B. Shields, second vice-commander; Paul McClure, adjutant; J. W. Franklin, finance officer; John Odell, service officer; J. B. Hall, guardianship officer; Fred Johnson, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. Fred Stiles, chaplain; A. W. McIver, historian; H. G. Elkins, athletic officer; Dr. M. P. Whichard, child welfare officer; B. G. Brumby, Americanism officer; J. C. Odell, national defense officer; J. L. Hall, graves registration officer; C. J. Calhoun, employment officer; T. J. Mauney, Boys State officer; H. G. Elkins, Boy Scout officer; J. C. Odell, membership chairman; and J. L. Hall, publicity officer.

The next meeting of the Legion Post will be held next Wednesday evening.

## Home On Furlough From Camp Polk, La.

Dee Coleman, who is stationed at Camp Polk, La., is spending a 10 day furlough in Murphy with his parents, Pat Coleman, county jailer, and Mrs. Coleman. Dee Coleman, who was drafted not long ago, underwent an operation a month ago for water on the knee, which resulted from an automobile accident he suffered several years ago. The soldier is feeling quite fit again and is anxious to get a crack at those yellow devils. Luther Coleman, of Murphy, and Oliver Graham, of Unaka, are also going through training at Camp Polk.

## Directors And Officers Show Accomplishment In Year Of Activity

J. B. Gray was elected to head the Murphy Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year of 1942-43 at a recent meeting of members of the organization. Mr. Gray succeeds Joe E. Ray. Mr. Gray is senior partner of the law firm of Gray & Christopher. Other officers named were H. Bueck, first vice-president; Dr. E. L. Holt, second vice-president; and K. C. Wright, third vice-president.

The new board of directors includes Dr. W. A. Hoover, Peyton G. Ivie, W. A. Sherrill, Noah Lovin-good, H. A. Mattox, Jim Gibbs, Fred O. Christopher, John Donley, and Joe E. Ray.

Despite the fact that a number of projects have been held up due to the war, the retiring officers and board feel that definite progress has been made in its work. Of vital importance to this section was the successful effort made to retain the present passenger train schedule, preventing the operation of the Southern Railway line west of Bryson City solely for freight. This would have entailed a real set back for Murphy as a trading center. While the need of additional train service is realized, the continuation of a one train daily each way schedule was considered vital.

Strides have been made in putting Murphy on the map as a mountain resort. President Ray said that fully 12,000 letters and pieces of literature have been mailed to people in virtually every state and Cuba who have made inquiries. Miss Mary Jo Davis has had charge of registering tourists at the information bureau hut operated by the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce on the square. Although some uncertainty is felt as to the resort season this summer and for the duration, it is believed that tourist travel will result in larger revenues than are estimated at this time. Partial suspension of privately owned motor cars, it is hoped, will be balanced by visitors coming into the mountains by bus and train. It is felt that they would remain longer as a result and not try to take in so much territory. Our merchants would undoubtedly derive great benefit from the longer sojourns.

Mr. Gray is expected to outline his plans at a membership meeting to be held later in the summer.

With the inevitable swing away from civilian developments owing to the war, it is felt that great emphasis should be placed upon fostering a spirit of optimism and confidence in the community. Murphy has the foundation laid for real peace-time growth. When the war is over it is realized that the localities making the greatest investments in national defense industries will be hardest hit by the backwash. Western North Carolina, which has been virtually out of the national defense picture, should find adjustment to normal conditions relatively easy. Our profits are necessarily future.

## New Scoutmaster To Be Selected Monday Eve

A new scoutmaster will be appointed Monday evening when members of the Boy Scouts organization meet at the Murphy High School at 7 o'clock. Ernest Nutting, Jr., present scoutmaster, is retiring due to the probability that he will be transferred elsewhere.

Mr. Larry Gentry of Fontana, spent last week-end in Murphy.