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The only security of all is in a free press. The force of public opinion cannot be resisted, when permitted freely to be expressed. The agitation it produces must be submitted to. It is necessary to keep the waters pure. We are all, for example, in agitation even in our peaceful country. For in peace as well as in war, the mind must be kept in motion.—Jefferson to Lafayette, 1823.

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Law Enforcing Officers Of Eight Counties To Meet With FBI Here September 9

Cherokee county and Murphy law enforcing officials will be hosts at the third quarterly police conference for this region which will be held at Henn theatre in Murphy on Thursday, September 9, at 1 o'clock. Edward Scheidt, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte who is in charge of the conference and Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, will be the principal speakers. Patrolman Pritchard Smith will be the spokesman for local officers in welcoming the visitors.

Law enforcement officers from all counties of this area will be in attendance at this conference. The subjects to be discussed are: "Juvenile Delinquency" and "Crime Prevention". Counties invited include: Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania and Cherokee.

This is one of 12 similar conferences to be held during the month of September by the Charlotte division.

Idus J. Lynn, special agent for the F. B. I. in this territory, was in Murphy Tuesday making plans for the conference. He stated that the meeting is open to all law enforcing agents, including members of the auxiliary police.

Discussions will be held on practical steps being taken by various law enforcement agencies in crime prevention and juvenile delinquency work. A movie on various outstanding fugitives wanted in the Carolinas will be shown.

In an executive session of full-time law enforcement officers, a discussion of general police matters will be held, and instructions and observations relative to cases assigned to the police given. A panel forum and round table discussion, with the question and answer method, will be held.

Among those expecting to attend the conference are: From Graham, R. B. Slaughter, mayor; C. B. Crisp, chief of police; G. E. Brewer, sheriff; and Grady Mashburn, J. D. Orr, John Orr, and J. B. McCall, deputies.

From Cherokee: L. L. Mason, sheriff; L. H. Mehaffey, Andrews, chief of police; Patrolmen Lindsay and Smith; W. W. Rogers, Murphy chief of police; Arnold R. Dairymple, John H. Stratton, policemen; all deputies and auxiliary policemen.

T. V. A. policemen from Hiwassee Dam, Fontana and other T. V. A. project sin this area.



WILL BE HOSTS AT F. B. I. CONFERENCE — The officers shown above—Patrolman Pritchard Smith, Jr., left and Chief of Police W. W. Rogers, right, Sheriff L. L. Mason, and other officers of the county, will be hosts at the F. B. I. conference to be held in Murphy on Thursday, September 9.

Mrs. Weaver Dies At The Age Of 82

Mrs. Bettie Weaver, 82, of Blairsville, Ga., died Friday at the home of her son, Fred Weaver. Funeral services were conducted from the Antioch Baptist church with the Revs. John Green, Thos. Truett, and Columbus Conley officiating. Ivis funeral home had charge of the interment in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: P. Ledford, Jud Chastain, C. Forester, J. C. Kirkendoll, W. B. Owenby and J. B. Brown.

She is survived by: Three sons, Fred, Marvin, Gordon; and two daughters, Mrs. Jim Brown, of Blairsville, and Mrs. Abe Brown of Culberson.

Special Course Offered Adults

A special course in typing and shorthand is being offered to adults or anyone desiring to take it, at Murphy high school. Classes are from 3 to 4 o'clock each afternoon, Monday through Friday, and are taught by Mrs. Joe Ray. Those interested should get in touch with the teacher or Supt. H. Bueck.

Mrs. Mary Pass of Hayesville spent a few days this week with Mrs. S. D. Akin and Miss Mary Akin.

Governor Serves Notice On Loafers To Go To Work

With the appointment of J. Burke Gray, Murphy, as chairman of the Labor Mobilization Board for Cherokee County, Governor J. M. Broughton has served definite notice on local loafers that they must find gainful employment within the next few days or be charged guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment by a prison sentence, a fine, or both a fine and a prison sentence.

Governor Broughton named the following as members of the Board to assist the chairman in putting all idlers of this county to work: A. Q. Ketner, Murphy; John O'Dell, Murphy; Miss Linetta Dean, Murphy; C. I. Calhoun, Murphy; J. W. Franklin, Murphy; R. T. Heaton, Andrews, and Miss Addie Mae Cooke, Murphy.

In announcing the appointments, Governor Broughton made it clear that this Board's first duty will be that of reporting to the local representatives of the U. S. Employment Service the names and addresses of all able-bodied men in this county between 18 and 55 years of age who are not gain-

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Deputy To Assist Taxpayers In Filing Returns

O. G. Delinger, deputy collector, will be in Murphy on September 2, 3, 4, at the Henry House, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the filing of Federal returns, Form 1040-ES. He answers: "Who Must Make A Return?" as follows:

A declaration must be made by every citizen of the United States or resident of the United States if:

(a) Single or married but not living with spouse at date prescribed for the making of the declaration (whether or not the head of a family) if he had for 1942, or reasonably expects to have for 1943.

(b) gross income of more than \$2,700 from wages subject to withholding or

(c) gross income of \$500 or more from all sources if more

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Tomotla School Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

Tomotla school building was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Fire of unknown origin had gained headway before being discovered. City of Murphy fire department was called but could not reach the scene in time to save the building. Fire was discovered by some passersby.

Supt. H. Bueck stated that the school was valued at about \$1500. Before school opened in August about \$500 had been spent on repairing and painting the exterior and interior of the building.

The building had four rooms. It was a three-teacher school, with grades through the sixth. School is being held in Tomotla church at the present time.

W.S.C.S. To Meet Tuesday Afternoon

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday at 3:00 p. m. at the Methodist church with Mrs. Neil Davidson, Mrs. S. D. Akin and Mrs. W. M. Fain as hostesses. Mrs. H. E. Dickey will be in charge of the program.

INTERESTING FACTS LEARNED FROM SURVEY

Mrs. Joe Myers of Murphy, Route 1, is winner of the \$2.50 prize offered by this paper to the person sending in the largest list of names reading his or her copy of THE SCOUT.

Lists submitted contained from four to 28 names each, averaging approximately 16. Many complimentary comments on the paper were made in connection with the lists. Mrs. A. G. Smith wrote: "I guess you will get larger numbers of people reading their SCOUT, but not any that enjoy it more than our group. One reader is 87 years old; one is 73; three are over 50. The youngest is 4 years. She likes the funnies." She gave the names of her brother and two sisters, to whom she sends the paper as birthday gifts, saying: "I had the paper sent to them as birthday presents, since I couldn't send my one copy to all three when they left for the navy and defense jobs."

Following the law of averages, the survey reveals that from 26,000 to 25,000 people read THE SCOUT every week.

Scout And News Are Bought By Miss Cooke



L. Y. BALLENTINE

Senator Ballentine of Varina, Wake county farmer and dairyman, has announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary next spring.

Bellview Revival To Start Sunday

Revival services will be held at Bellview Methodist Church next week, the first service being Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Services will be each evening at that hour throughout the week. The Rev. J. Walker Chidsey, pastor of Young Harris Methodist church, will preach, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. Ballard Wilson.

BANK TO CLOSE
Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will be closed all day on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

Says There Is Urgent Need For Tin And Fats

"There is an urgent need for waste fats and tin", states Joe E. Ray, chairman of the county salvage committee, who appeals to housewives to save these two items to help meet one of the most serious problems facing the government today, the acute shortage of these two critical materials.

Glycerine is made from fats or waste kitchen grease. It is used in the manufacture of explosives, for medical purposes, in hydraulic fluids, in fireproof paint for battleships, as an anti-icing fluid for airplane propellers, and as anti-freeze for planes.

At present only 40 percent of American housewives are saving used kitchen fats. Since point ra-

tioning of both meats and fats on March 29, the collection has shown a loss of 4-2 percent.

Tin is essential in the making of bearings and bushings for motors and gun mounts, as a base for solder in welding an airplane, for radios, telephones, lights, and for containers to ship foods to the boys and allies.

Mr. Ray announces that the town will have the garbage trucks to pick up tin cans if the housewives will wash them, take the labels off, cut the top and bottoms off, and flatten the cans, as instructed by the government. They should be placed in separate containers so that the garbage collectors can pick them up without much extra trouble.

Officer Says Water Supply Now Is Safe



CONFERENCE LEADER — Edward Scheidt, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who will have charge of the quarterly conference to be held here September 9.

Union Services To Be Held By Three Churches

Union services for members of the First Methodist, First Baptist and Presbyterian Churches will be held on Sunday evenings for the next month. On next Sunday evening at 7:30 the first union service will be held at the Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of the Methodist church, preaching. His sermon subject will be: "Practical Atheism and the War."

Services will be held at the First Baptist church on the second Sunday evening, and at the First Methodist church on the third Sunday evening.

P. B. Ferebee Heads 3rd War Loan Drive

Chas. Fox Has Tragic Death

Charlie Edward Fox, 16, of Ranger and Gastonia, met a tragic death Monday when he was caught between an elevator and the wall and dragged for three floors, dropped into a window and then fell to the landing, while working in a mill in Gastonia.

Funeral services were conducted at Ranger Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, with the Rev. Thos. Truett in charge. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were his uncles: Claude and Fal Fox, J. S. Akin, U. H. Fox, Moreland Green, and Fred W. Kilpatrick.

The young man, who had been working in Gastonia only two months, is survived by the following: His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Fox; a sister, Miss Flora Nell Fox, and three brothers, William, Don and Eugene Fox.

Ivies funeral home was in charge.

Football Games Are Announced

J. H. Pitzer, coach of the Murphy high school football team, has announced the following schedule for the fall season:

September 10, Knoxville Young, at Knoxville; Sept. 17, Waynesville, at Waynesville; October 8, Coperhill, at Murphy; Oct. 22, T. M. I. Sweetwater, Tenn., at Sweetwater; Oct. 29, Copperhill, at Copperhill; Nov. 12, Canton (tent.) at Murphy.

Pitzer wants one more home game, preferably on Nov. 25.

The cause of the contamination of Murphy's water supply has been found, and the trouble cleared up. The water is all right and safe now, states Dr. M. P. Whichard, district health officer.

Citizens became alarmed Wednesday when it was made known that the water was polluted, according to a report received by Dr. Whichard from E. C. Hubbard, acting director of the division of sanitary engineering, State Board of Health. The Board of Health reported that in samples of water collected from the public water supply here on August 7 and August 16 organisms of the coli-aerogenes group were found to be present. This indicated that the water was being contaminated by fecal material of either animal or human origin; therefore, it was entirely possible that this water was dangerous for human consumption, according to the State Board.

Upon receipt of the letter, Dr. Whichard wished to inform the public. The Cherokee Scout printed and contributed handbills, urging people to boil water before using it, which were distributed all over town by Murphy Boy Scouts.

It was thought Wednesday that the contamination was coming from water of Hiwassee River, into which Murphy sewage is dumped, backing up and seeping into the filter plant. Last Thursday the reservoir on Fain Mountain became too dry to furnish a sufficient supply of water, and the filter plant was put to use. However, a sample of the water at the plant sent to the State Board of Health last Saturday was reported Thursday morning (today) to be all right. Authorities then knew that the cause of contamination was from the reservoir supply. Investigation there revealed that the water was insufficiently chlorinated. It is now being chlorinated properly and is entirely safe, according to Dr. Whichard.

The Third War Loan Drive will be launched in Cherokee County, as well as throughout the nation, on Thursday, September 9. Percy B. Ferebee of Andrews is chairman for this county. The county quota is \$232,000.

At a meeting in Greensboro and Raleigh of volunteer workers who will soon start their "bond invasion" of every plant, office, street, home to sell those extra war bonds during the Third War Loan, Associate Field Director E. R. Mowbrey, U. S. Treasury War Finance Division, sounded the keynote for the greatest war financing drive in history. Recognizing the fact that good war news might possibly generate a feeling of overconfidence and optimism that the war is nearer victory than it actually is, Director Mowbrey said:

"We have destroyed the Axis in Africa and have swept it out of Sicily. After many months of preparing and fighting, things are going our way in the Mediterranean and in the Pacific.

"But only the weak third part-

ner of the Axis is groggy.

"The tide of battle has turned in our favor because we have succeeded in mobilizing for war. In total war our fighting men do not win on the battle front unless back home their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters for months past have worked as a team building up the supplies and the weapons with which battles are won.

"Now is the time to slug on the home sector, in the factories and mines and mills as well as on the battle fields. If we relax our attack, if we relax in production and permit a single soldier to be short of food or ammunition, we open the way for the Germans and the Japs to start a swing from the floor.

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