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Chances For Flight Strip Lie With The Military Authorities

Highway Commissioner Percy B. Freebee recently made known to the State Highway and Public Works Commission the desire of Murphy citizens for a flight strip here, requesting that the officials contact the Federal Public Roads Administration in regard to making an appropriation for constructing a flight strip.

D. B. McCrary, acting chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, wrote to C. D. Curtiss, deputy commissioner of the Federal Public Roads Administration.

His letter was forwarded this week to Miss Addie Mae Cooke, by Mr. Freebee who commented: "I understand that if a flight strip is authorized the cost of the land, as well as construction, is borne by the Federal Government. It seems that the request will have to originate with the Army Air Forces, at least as long as the war continues."

Mr. Curtiss' letter to Mr. McCrary is as follows: "This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1, regarding the interest of the citizens of Cherokee County, North Carolina, in the construction of a flight strip in that county.

"The Defense Highway Act of 1941 authorized the Commissioner of Public Roads to provide, in cooperation with the Army Air Corps, for studies and for the construction of flight strips adjacent to public highways or roadside development areas along such highways. At the present time, substantially all available funds under the Act have been allocated to specific projects whose construction is nearing completion.

"The present flight strip program is planned in cooperation with the Army Air Forces and as you know is being carried out with the assistance of the Engineers of the State Highway Department. In the event an additional appropriation becomes available and it should be decided that flight strip in Cherokee County is essential from the viewpoint of the military authorities the Public Roads Administration will be glad to give prompt and full consideration to a proposal for its construction."

Harry L. Moore Is Graduated As Radio Operator

FORT KNOX, Ky. - Another class of qualified radio operators had been graduated today by the Communication Department of the Armored School.

Graduates included: Pvt. Harry L. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Moore, of Murphy. They were announced from the offices of Maj. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Chief of the armored Command.

Their arduous 14 weeks' labors behind them, the graduates have returned to their units in armored divisions and separate tank battalions throughout the United States. There they will play an important part in the signal communication system which controls units on maneuvers and in combat.

Each soldier in the course learns the International Morse Code, the "dit-dah" alphabet and progresses through radio procedure and a study of radio sets. Final phase is field operation, in which radio sets are operated from scout cars under simulated battle conditions.

14 Schools Join Junior Red Cross

The following schools have reported enrollment in the Junior Red Cross, announces Mrs. H. Bueck, junior chairman. The campaign for enrollment ended November 15:

Hivawsee Dam, Peachtree, Ranger, Ebenezer, Bates Creek, River Hill, Texana (colored), Boiling Springs, Grape Creek, Tomotla, Unaka, Murphy elementary, Murphy high, and Friendship.

FATHER IS HURT

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Buchanan were called to Sylva over the week-end to see the former's father, J. W. Buchanan, a patient in C. J. Harris hospital, who lost his right hand in an accident.

Health Education Is Subject For Next Teachers' Meeting

The Cherokee county unit of the N. C. E. A. will hold its next teachers' workshop on Saturday, December 4. All teachers and administrators in the county, including the Murphy and Andrews units are invited to attend. Dr. M. P. Whichard, district health officer, and Miss Louisa Eskridge of the U. S. public health service, Fontana, have been invited by E. S. Christenbury to lead discussions on "Health Education".

The first of these meetings was held at the library in Murphy on November 13, with 20 administrators and teachers present. H. Bueck, Murphy city school superintendent, and Miss Virginia White James, specialist in educational methods with the TVA, participated in the discussions. Most of the time was spent in considering the various problems facing public schools at the present time.

OLD CLOTHING NEEDED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

An intensive drive for old clothing and rags will continue in this county from November 22 through December 4, to help people in liberated countries abroad, for relief purposes here at home, and to supply rags desperately needed in war industry plants. Clothing you no longer need may save the life of some man, woman or child overseas, giving hope and the will to work for the better world all are fighting for.

Scouts Prepare For Court Of Honor, Hayesville

Murphy boy scouts are getting ready for the Court of Honor to be held in Hayesville the first Monday in December. Murphy won the attendance ribbon at the last Court of Honor, and if they win it again in succession they can keep it permanently.

The scouts will meet on the fairgrounds after the football game Thanksgiving day to pass tests. There were 11 present at the meeting held Monday night.

Mrs. Henry Polk Barnett of Jefferson, Ga., and small daughter, Barbara Ann, will spend Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Committeemen To Be Elected For The AAA

Meeting in a series of community sessions, North Carolina farmers soon will elect more than 9,000 community committeemen and alternates who will represent them in operating the War Food Program and the Agricultural Conservation Program of the AAA in 1944. It was announced today by G. T. Scott, chairman of the State AAA Committee.

The voting places will be: Murphy, courthouse; Beavertown, Crowe's store; Unaka; Suit, Payne's store; Notla, Walker school house; Peachtree, school; Valleytown, Andrews school; Hanging Dog, Fred Davis' store; Shoal Creek, Verner's store; Hot House, John McAllister's store; Martins Creek, school; Marble, school.

All community elections will be held between November 29 and December 4, Scott said, and county conventions for the purpose of electing a County AAA Committee will be held following final community elections in each county.

"Since beginning of the national farm program ten years ago, the AAA has been operated on the principle that farmers themselves (continued on page eight)

Niece Of Abraham Lincoln Dies Here At The Age Of 82

Mrs. Mary M. Hyde, 82, died at her home in the Peachtree section Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Hyde had been a resident of that section for a number of years.

Mrs. Hyde was a niece of Abraham Lincoln, the last one of her immediate Enloe family. She was married in Swain and later moved to Cherokee county where she has made her home for the past 55 years. She had lived in the house where she died, for 50 years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Peachtree Baptist church. The Rev. A. B. Cash and the Rev. Alfred Smith officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dave McClure, John McGuire, Edd English, George Wilson, Arthur Maloney and Vergil Barnett.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Farmer and Mrs. George Leatherwood, both of Arlington, Va., one son, Ed Hyde of Peachtree; several grandchildren, among whom are Mrs. Ruth Carlinger and her brother, Mark Elliott, and a number of great-grandchildren.

Ivie funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Lions Club To Have Dime Board Again

Murphy Lions club voted Tuesday night to have the dime board which they sponsor annually again this year, for the purpose of raising funds to give Christmas baskets to the needy and to send cigarettes to the men in service. H. G. Elkins, chairman, C. E. Weir, and Bob Easley were appointed as a committee to make arrangements.

Ensign Jimmie Ward, who is with the Seabees in Rhode Island, made a few remarks on his work. John Davidson was a guest of Wade Massey, Joe E. Ray, who leaves this week for the army, said farewells.

Doyle Burch and A. Q. Ketner announced plans for scrap metal and old clothing drives to be held next week. W. M. Fain reported that much work has been done on the city park. Dr. W. A. Hoover reported on his work with the blind. A. S. Webster announced that a Boy Scout court of honor will be held in Hayesville soon and urged the members to attend.

Lion President Frank Forsyth read an editorial from the Atlanta Journal concerning Lion Addie Mae Cooke.

Home Clubs To Hold Achievement Days

Mrs. W. D. King, Cherokee county home demonstration agent, has announced that the December meetings of clubs will honor new club members secured during the mobilization drive. A Christmas program will be carried out with the singing of carols, reading of Christmas stories, and each woman giving a Bible verse. Officers who have been elected in most of the clubs will be installed.

An Achievement Day program will be held including the following features:

Attendance records; woman present who has had greatest number of children; woman present who has youngest baby; woman who has a son in service; woman who has most sons in service; woman who walked farthest to the meeting; woman who made greatest improvement in her home according to her report; woman who has read three books from the approved list and turns in the names of the books to the librarian or home agent.

Discussion will be given on family living at Christmas time, and each club will have a Christmas tree and exchange small gifts with one another. Games will be play-

Two Men Are Given Prison Sentences

Nelson Lyons and Joe Tinkerton of Dayton, Ohio, the two men in the quartet arrested here on November 3 for theft of an automobile, gas coupons, and other items, in Ohio and Kentucky, were convicted and given three years in prison when tried in Federal court at Bryson City last week. Ella Mae Horn and Caroline Shockey were acquitted and allowed to return to their homes. All had been in prison in Bryson City since a preliminary hearing here shortly after the arrest.

Frank Carter of the U. S. Army, Fort Bragg, who was held here a few days for a witness was not involved in the charges and he returned to camp from Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Williams, Mrs. L. E. Bayless, Mrs. J. W. Thompson and Mrs. J. L. Savage spent last Tuesday in Chattanooga.

Scrap Metals To Be Collected In County-Wide Campaign Wednesday, December First

Crawford Is Chief Of Police

Frank Crawford, former Murphy policeman, was elected chief of police at a call meeting of the town council Monday night. He will assume his duties on December 1. Crawford succeeds W. W. Rogers, who resigned a few weeks ago.

Arnold Dalrymple and John Stratton will remain on the police force in the same positions held before.

Clerk E. L. Shields was authorized by the council to go to Asheville and purchase some equipment to get the stone crusher owned by the town in running shape. The town will have some stone crushed and improve some streets.

An ordinance was passed prohibiting anyone from using cemetery lots until the full purchase price is paid.

Hospital Council Provides Gifts For Service Men

Mrs. Tom Mauney, Mrs. H. G. Elkins, Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. W. M. Axley and Miss Addie Mae Cooke, of Murphy attended the meeting of the Western North Carolina Camp and Hospital council of the Red Cross at Moore General hospital Friday. The Murphy council is responsible for 50 Christmas gifts for service men by December 1.

Articles taken to the meeting included: One afghan, 21 Christmas packages, 25 utility bags, 100 Thanksgiving favors, 100 Christmas nut cups, 100 New Year's nut cups, six ash stands and one lap board. These articles were made in the Murphy schools. Christmas packages were contributed by members of the Woman's club.

Specialists Discuss Food For Freedom Program Here

R. W. Shoffner, farm management specialist, Mr. Wilson of the AAA, Miss Anna C. Rowe, district home agent, and Miss Margaret Fuller of the Farm Security Administration, met with county farm agent, A. Q. Ketner at his office on Wednesday, Nov. 17, to give plans and schedule for the 1944 Food for Freedom program and to set a goal for the county on crops and livestock.

Others attending the meeting were superintendents of schools, agricultural workers, farm security and extension supervisors, employment officials and members of the library board.

Jesse Cable Is Awarded Medal

Pvt. Jessie N. Cable of Murphy, who is in North Africa has received a medal for Good Conduct. He received his training at Camp Stewart, Ga. He has been serving overseas since March, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cable of Murphy. This makes two medals he has received.

Give \$6,150 To War Fund

Employees at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Fontana Dam have contributed a total of more than \$6,150 to North Carolina's United War Fund Campaign, Fred C. Schlemmer, Project Manager at Fontana, said today.

Governor Calls Upon People Of State To Support 1943 Seal Sale

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, Raleigh—November 17 — Governor Broughton today issued the following statement calling attention to the 37th Annual Christmas Seal Sale of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, which opens Monday, November 22nd, 1943, and continues until Christmas.

"Tuberculosis has increased during all past wars and is now the first cause of death among persons between 15 and 45 years of age", the Governor stated, and added that this year's goal of \$150,000 is the sole support of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated associations and committees over the State. The Governor noted that this fund will be used to combat the war-time rise in tuberculosis in North Carolina.

The Governor then issued a call to the people of this State to contribute liberally to the anti-tuberculosis campaign by the generous purchase of Christmas seals during the annual sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Putnam of Cherryville spent the week-end with Mrs. Putnam's sister, Mrs. W. A. Hoover and Dr. Hoover, en route to Camp Forest, Tenn.

Dr. B. B. Meroney Dies At Age Of 77

Dr. B. B. Meroney, 77, a practicing physician here 50 years, died at a local hospital Friday night following an illness of two weeks.

Dr. Meroney, who was born and reared at Murphy, continued the active practice of medicine until he was taken ill two weeks ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Townsend funeral home, with the Rev. Ralph Taylor officiating. Mrs. Hadley Dickey sang "Shall We Gather at the River".

Burial followed in Sunset cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Toby Fain, L. L. Mason, Arnold Dalrymple, C. E. Weir, Walter Mauney and Dr. Harry Miller.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Zell Axley; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Akin; one son, Porter Meroney; two grandsons, Jack Barton Akin of the army air force at Salt Lake City, Utah; Carl Meroney of Murphy; five granddaughters, Miss Barbara Meroney, of Sylacauga, Ala.; Margaret Akin, Miss Margaret Meroney, of Gainesville, Ga.; Boots and Nancy Meroney of Murphy; one brother, W. H. Meroney, of Greensboro, and two sisters, Mrs. John Sudderth of Texas, and Mrs. Robert Crooks, of Richmond, Va.

TWO ACTS ENCOURAGE PULPWOOD CUTTING

The Newspaper Pulpwood Committee this week was advised of two Federal actions which should encourage more pulpwood cutting during the seasonal lull between harvesting and planting of field crops.

Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, urged farmers and other agricultural workers to give all the time they can spare to pulpwood cutting, lumbering, and other essential war occupations as he announced changes in manpower procedures to make it easier for farm workers to change jobs.

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Salvage day in Cherokee county is Wednesday, December 1, when a concerted drive will be conducted to get all the scrap metal in the county collected and made available for the war industries. Co-Chairmen A. Q. Ketner and Doyle Burch, with school faculties cooperating, are asking that all business houses close December 1 to allow the employees to devote that time to the collection of scrap metals.

All schools in the county are cooperating in the campaign. Scrap will be placed on the school grounds in the various communities to await the truck to haul it away.

The committee announces that scrap paper will not be collected during this drive, as transportation facilities for getting it to the mills are not available.

Fat salvage from households is running far below amounts anticipated, and the country is faced with a serious shortage of fats and oils for explosives, drugs and other war purposes. Present estimates are that 1943 glycerine supplies will be approximately 14 million pounds below known needs.

Used tin cans—the only chemically pure tin available to make pain saving hypodermic containers for our soldiers' first-aid kits—are thousands of pounds short of actual requirements. Collections of metal scrap, needed in tremendous quantities to make steel for the mills so that adequate supplies of fighting equipment will roll off production lines, is today only about 60 per cent of actual needs.

FBI Conference To Be Held In Asheville Dec. 2

Special Agent Edward Scheidt of Charlotte announces that an FBI Law enforcement conference will be held in Asheville at the Langren hotel on Thursday, December 2, beginning at 2 p. m. Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville will make an address. Mr. Scheidt will have charge of the program, and will talk on "Confidence Men and Impersonators in Wartime".

Special Agent Jas. E. Wallace of Charlotte will speak on criminal violations of the Selective Service Act. Slides on fugitives wanted in this state will be shown.

All law enforcement officers of this and other counties in the Asheville area are urged to attend this conference. Among those who are expected to attend are: L. L. Mason, J. E. Price, F. A. Fain, A. J. Hembree, Pritchard Smith, Jr., Mayor J. W. Franklin, Arnold Dalrymple, Frank Crawford, and John Stratton of Murphy, Frank Mahaffey and C. D. Lindsey of Andrews, all auxiliary policemen and T. V. A. policemen.

Episcopal Service To Be Held Sunday

Services will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Rufus Morgan of Franklin in charge. The report submitted to the Scout last week, stating that services would be held last Sunday, was in error. The service was scheduled for November 28.