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EIGHT PAGES THIS WEEK

Sneed Announces For Murphy's Mayor

Neil Sneed, well known here as a business man and former policeman, now manager of Townsman Bros. store, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of mayor of Murphy, in the election to be held here on Tuesday, May 7.

Mr. Sneed is the first candidate for a town office to file and announce.

At a meeting of the town council Tuesday evening, the following poll holders were elected: W. W. Rogers, registrar, John Davidson and John Axley, judges of election.

Registration books will be open each Saturday in April, and Saturday, May 4, will be challenge day.



SPEAKS SUNDAY — Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas, who will be the speaker on The Presbyterian Hour next Sunday morning, March 17th, at 8:30 A. M., E. S. T., over an independent network of southern radio stations.

A native of Charlestown, Indiana, Dr. Elliott graduated from Park College and from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He later took post graduate work at the University of Edinburgh, and for a time was instructor at the Louisville Seminary. Dr. Elliott was pastor for several years in Knoxville, Tennessee, and then after serving for nine years as minister of the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, he came to his present pastorate early in 1944. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree by Davidson College in 1937.

Dr. Elliott is the author of a recent book of sermons entitled, "Coming to Terms With Life." The subject of Dr. Elliott's address next Sunday morning will be, "Letting God Take the Strain." The program can be heard in this section over: WWNC, Asheville; WPTF, Raleigh; WSJS, Winston-Salem; WSB, Atlanta; WNOX, Knoxville; and WRVA, Richmond, at 8:30 a. m.

Dairy Pay Is To Be Continued Through June

G. Tom Scott, Johnston county farmer and head of the state Production and Marketing Administration, has announced that the federal dairy production payment program, previously announced through March, 1946, will be continued through June 30. Rates for the April-June period will be the same as those for the corresponding period last year when North Carolina dairymen received payments totalling \$932,000. State payments since 1943 total \$6,500,000.

This action means that 1946 April payment rates for milk will range from 60 cents to 90 cents per hundred pounds, depending on the area, and for butterfat in all areas, 17 cents per pound.

For May and June the payments will be 25 cents to 55 cents per hundred pounds for milk and 10 cents per pound for butterfat. The lower payments during May and June are made in accordance with the accepted practice of decreased producer payments during the flush season of milk production.

The payments will be subject to termination or revision in the event of any general increases in price ceilings for milk and its products. Scott said that it is the government's policy to make every effort to sidestep price increases by making termination of subsidies subject to changes in the cost of living.

Through the dairy production plan, payments are made to farmers on the milk and butterfat they produce and sell. Intended to offset increased dairy production costs, the program has operated since October, 1943.

Mrs. W. A. Hoover, Mrs. C. E. Weir, Mrs. Edwin Hyde, Mrs. Mabel Massey and Charles Worthen spent last Tuesday in Atlanta.

Areas Selected For Summer Homes On Hiwassee Lake

Areas for summer homes on Hiwassee Lake have been selected by the U. S. Forest service, which is now ready to accept applications for home sites. Those interested may make application with Ranger C. E. Woody in Murphy.

The home sites will be leased for \$25 a year, and they will be granted according to the order in which applications are received, the first having their choice of the sites.

Four areas have been surveyed, located on the east side of the lake, near Ogreena church, and at Grape Creek, and on a peninsula near Walter Dockery's store, on the west side of the lake. Approximately 100 homes can be built on the areas selected.



OPENS SHOE SHOP — Zeb W. Chastain, who has opened a shoe repair shop in the building formerly occupied by Imperial Cleaners on Valley River avenue. He has recently returned home from the Navy after serving in both theaters of war.

Atkinson Is Arrested Here For Extortion

George Atkinson, clerical worker for the TVA, Murphy, is under bond of \$2,000 for appearance in Federal court in Bryson City on May 27, on a charge of extortion.

Atkinson was arrested here Tuesday afternoon about 4:45. Events leading to the arrest, according to officers, are:

On March 4, Dr. F. V. Taylor, owner of Murphy General hospital, received a letter from a person signing his name as "Earl Switzer", demanding that Dr. Taylor mail to him last week \$500 in five \$100 bills, and stating that if he did not he would not need it where he was going. Dr. Taylor wrote a letter to this "Switzer" on Friday of last week, after he had notified Chief of Police Frank Crawford of the circumstances.

Crawford immediately notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which sent a representative here on the case. State Highway Patrolman Charles Galloway, Crawford, and F. B. I. Investigators I. J. Lynn and Joe Trainer worked together to find the criminal. On Tuesday afternoon, Atkinson called at the post office for the letter, and Crawford arrested him on the square a few minutes later. The unopened letter was behind the sun visor of Atkinson's car.

He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Fred Bates and made bond of \$2,000. F. B. I. Investigator Ingram was present at

the hearing. The charge of extortion is a felony and carries a maximum penalty of five years' prison sentence and/or \$5,000 fine.

Presbyterian Services Listed

"The Gospel as a Sacred Trust" is the subject of the Rev. T. G. Tate's sermon for the 11 o'clock service at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. There will be no vesper service Sunday afternoon as Mr. Tate will go to Bryson City where he and J. B. Gray will serve on a commission to install the Rev. M. T. Reid as pastor of Bryson City Presbyterian church.

The Young Peoples' meeting will be held at 5:45 o'clock.

Mr. Tate announces that there will be no evening service at Hayesville Sunday, but on Sunday evening March 24, at 7:30 o'clock, he will preach in the Presbyterian church there.

SINGERS TO MEET
The third Sunday afternoon singing will be held at the First Baptist church, Murphy, Sunday, at 2 p. m.
All singers are invited to come. Everyone bring books.

C. E. Hyde spent a few days on business in Asheville last week.

Girl Scouts Registered With Sixteen Members

Girl Scouts have been organized in Murphy, with Mrs. R. H. Cox as leader and Mrs. C. E. Weir and Mrs. C. E. Woody, assistants. The troop has been registered, under sponsorship of Murphy Woman's club. Sixteen girls have been enrolled in the troop.

The first regular meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, following which the girls had a hike from the school building to Mrs. Woody's home.

The scout committee from the

Woman's club includes: Mrs. J. W. Davidson, chairman; Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. E. H. Brumby, Mrs. R. T. Alexander, and Mrs. Robert Reid.

The following girls are charter members: Carolyn Alexander, Shirley Bates, Jane Brendle, Mary Folan Brumby, Mary Helen Hatchett, Sallie Morris, Jean Weir, Barbara Reid, Phyllis Monteith, Ann Shields, Rosalind Stalcup, Peggy Savage, Betty Sue Swain, Nancy Wells, Emmalou Woody, and Ann Taylor.

Music and Addresses Feature Meeting Murphy Lions Club

Miss Kathryn Youorski made a report of the blind work which she is doing in Cherokee county, as a representative of Murphy Lions club and the State Blind Commission, at the meeting of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening at the Methodist church.

James G. K. McClure, president of Farmers Federation, made an address, stressing the importance of increased food production in this area.

String music and tap dancing by Jas. E. Revis and Johnny Rhymer of Asheville were features of the program of which Dale Lee was chairman.

New captains of the attendance teams are: Merle Davis and W. D. King, according to announcement by attendance chairman, Dr. L. T.

Red Cross Chapter Is Far From Its \$2,525.00

McClure Advocates Greater Production Of Food In Area

"You are all stockholders in the entire Farmers Federation", James G. K. McClure, president, told Federation stockholders of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties at their annual meeting in Murphy last Tuesday.

The Federation had its best year in 1945, he reported, doing \$3,967,000.00 worth of business through its twenty three warehouses. Directors have voted a 5% patronage dividend on all purchases made during the year.

"When half the world is starving, we have got to fight for greater production — especially in western North Carolina where we do not produce enough to feed ourselves," Mr. McClure declared. He advocated a greatly increased poultry industry, citing averages of 233 and 257 eggs per hen in two flocks of Federation hatched chickens. Supply flock owners of this area were praised for their part in keeping the 1,380,000 chicks hatched by the Federation's certified hatchery in 1945 free from pullorum disease.

Mr. McClure was presented by W. A. Adams.

Stockholders and patrons heard reports on the cooperative's progress by Ernest Walker, supervisor of all warehouses west of Asheville; Max Roberts, educational director; George Penland, new poultry promotion man for this area; and Jamie Clarke, field secretary. Dr. Dumont Clarke, religious director, praised the Oak Forest Church, Clay county for its 100% enrollment of members in the Lord's Acre plan. "We hope you will enlist all your people in projects for the Lord, and so help to build a Christian community and a Christian world," he said.

J. H. Hampton, Murphy, Route 2, urged farmers to raise more hybrid corn suited to the area. Roger Ammons, warehouse manager, welcomed members to the meeting and he and Mrs. Ammons provided refreshments.

W. A. Adams of Murphy, was re-elected a director of the Federation. J. H. Hampton, Murphy, Route 2, continues in office until 1947.

The following were elected to the advisory committee for Cherokee: W. A. Adams, Murphy, chairman; Clyde McNabb, Murphy, Route 2; U. S. G. Phillips, Unaka; John Tatham, Andrews; B. B. Palmer, Marble; J. H. Hampton, Murphy, Route 2; Ernest Burnett, Murphy, Route 2; Robert Roberts, RFD, Murphy; and Mrs. John Shields, Culberson.

Those elected to the Clay county committee were: C. G. Reece, Warne; C. L. Smith, Hayesville.

Those elected to the Graham county committee were: R. O. Sherrill, Route 1, Robbinsville; E. N. Hyde, Route 1, Robbinsville.

Winners of Federation baby chicks were as follows: Mrs. J. A. Rich, Murphy, 35; Mrs. Maggie Ashe, Murphy, Route 2, 30; J. Milton Keasler, Murphy, Route 2, 25; Mrs. J. M. Ramsey, Grandview, 20; Mrs. Loveda Payne, Brasstown, -5.

ANDREWS CHAIRMAN

Miss Ethel Boone of Andrews has accepted the appointment as Andrews chairman of the Cancer Control drive which will start in the county on April 1, announces Mrs. R. H. Cox, county commander.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

Andrews chapter No. 15 of the Order of Eastern Star will hold a public installation Tuesday, March 19, in the Masonic hall. The public is invited to attend.

STATE WORKER TO BE HERE

Miss Ruby Pearson, Assistant state 4-H Club leader, will be in Murphy on Thursday, March 14, to discuss 4-H Club activities in Cherokee county.

Duke D. Whitley, chairman of the fund raising campaign for Cherokee county chapter of the American Red Cross, announces that only about \$1,000 has been contributed toward the quota of \$2,525 for this year. He urges those who have been appointed to solicit funds to complete their work and return reports as soon as possible. Many chapters already are over the top, and Mr. Whitley, states that he is anxious to report that the Cherokee chapter has surpassed its quota.

The campaign officially lasts until March 30, but it was the desire of local officials to conduct a whirlwind campaign and complete the work in the early part of the month.

Next week, beginning March 20, the local theatres will show the Red Cross trailer, and patrons of the show will have an opportunity to contribute there, also.

Bueck Reviews Book March 21

H. Bueck will review "The Pattern of Soviet Power", by Edgar Snow, at the regular book review at the Murphy Carnegie Library on Thursday evening, March 21, at 7:30 o'clock.



OUT FOR SENATE — Mrs. G. W. Cover, Sr., of Andrews, who has announced that she is a candidate for the State Senate from this district in the primary on May 25. Mrs. Cover has been Cherokee county's representative in the Legislature for the past two terms. She states that she has been requested by a number of friends to run for the Senate.

Last term, Mrs. Cover was the only woman member of the House of Representatives. She served on some important committees and made a special plea for increased pay to the teachers of the state.

Contract Is Let For Highway 64 Work

School Honored For Its Part In Bond Selling Drives

The Murphy elementary school was presented a framed copy of the "Bill of Rights" by Mrs. H. Bueck, Regional chairman of Region No. 10, on behalf of the Woman's Division and the Department Savings, a chapel program Wednesday. The school's average was 33 per cent in stamp ownership.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson, chairman of "Schools at War", accepted for the school. The following grades were 100 per cent in stamp ownership:

Mrs. Evelyn Patton, Mrs. Dair Shields, Miss Emily Sword, Mrs. Martha Adams and Mrs. J. W. Davidson. Following is the program presented:

Pledge to the flag led by Don Ammons; songs, "America", "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

History of the Bill of Rights, given by W. A. Sherrill; Olin Price read a letter from the patients at Moore General hospital, expressing appreciation for the beds sponsored by the school. The school sold a total of \$19,441 in bonds and stamps and sponsored six beds.

The letter from Moore General to students and teachers follows:

"Just a few lines of appreciation for your efforts in raising enough money in Victory bond and stamp sales with which to sponsor the hospital bed I am now occupying in Moore General hospital here. It was a mighty fine way for you to show your interest in and support of the boys and girls in uniform, and I know for every soldier who will use this bed in the future in saying that we appreciate what you have done.

"If ever you are over in this section of the state, hope you will drop in and visit awhile with me so I can show you how well-invested is the money you have tied up in victory bonds. Again thanks a lot.

"Your friends, William Jackson, James W. Wyrick, Frank E. Hare, Jack O. Cox, Frank Perry, Joseph K. Davis."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. John Burges in Macon, Ga., for several days last week.

Specialist To Demonstrate Efficient Use Of Electricity

Mrs. Beula Harris, Home Economist for T. V. A., will be in Cherokee County the week of March 18 to discuss and demonstrate to farm and home makers the efficient use of electricity and the proper methods of wiring the homes and farm buildings. These meetings will be held in those areas where new lines are to be constructed.

Joint farm and home meetings scheduled for this are as follows: Monday, March 18, Brasstown, 9:30 o'clock, Maggie's Chapel; Monday, March 18, Martin's Creek, 1:30 o'clock, school; Tuesday, March 19, Peachtree, 9:30, Methodist Church; Tuesday, March 19, Grandview, 1:30 o'clock, McDonald's store; Wednesday, March 20, Hot House, 9:30 o'clock, H. C. Tilton's store; Wednesday, March 20, Ranger, 1:30 o'clock, school; Thursday, March 21, Slow Creek, 9:30 o'clock, Mrs. Callie Morrison's; Friday, March 22, Bellview, 9:30 o'clock, club room, and Friday, March 22, Suit, 1:30, church.

On Thursday, March 21, Mrs. Harris will be speaker at the Tomotla Home demonstration club which will meet with Mrs. John Rogers at 1:30 o'clock.

CLUB TO ELECT OFFICERS TUESDAY

Murphy Business Men's club will meet at the Henry House on Tuesday evening, March 19, at 7:30 o'clock. The principal business will be election of officers.

Misses Nellie Sue and Frances Roberson visited their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Roberson, Sunday.

Four-H Club Officers To Meet March 16

Four-H club officers for the 10 active 4-H clubs in Cherokee county are asked to meet on Saturday morning, March 16, at 10 o'clock in the home agent's office in the Court House to complete definite plans for the year's 4-H club activities.

TAX OFFICE TO BE OPEN

The state tax office will be open till 5 o'clock Saturday for the purpose of assisting tax payers in filing their income tax reports.



W. Roy Francis Announces For Solicitor

W. Roy Francis of Waynesville has announced his candidacy for solicitor of this district.

Mr. Francis, native of Haywood, is a graduate of the Waynesville Township high school and the University of North Carolina. He began the practice of law in 1923.

He was state senator from this district in 1933, and in 1934 was named by U. S. Attorney Homer S. Cummings, as assistant U. S. District Attorney for this area. He held this place for 6 years, and when Marcus Erwin, the district attorney died, it was Mr. Francis whom Judge E. Y. Webb named as district attorney. Shortly afterwards Mr. Francis resigned and resumed his practice of law here until 1943, at which time he went to the Maritime Commission for war duty and stayed there until late 1944, when he returned to Waynesville and re-opened his office for the general practice of law.

He is a veteran of World War I, active in the American Legion, having held several state posts in the organization. He is a former trustee of Western Carolina Teachers College, at present president of the Rotary Club, and also the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Francis headed three war loan drives in the county, each time exceeding the county quota, and in 1945 led the Waynesville area in the Polio campaign to success.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis have two daughters.