

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Is On In County

Beer And Wine Election To Be Held In August

Petition Signed By Many Voters Presented Board

A Cherokee county election on the sale of beer and wine will be held sometime in August, it is announced by Abe Hembree, chairman of the Cherokee board of elections.

The board, composed of Hembree, Edwin Hyde and James Bryson, met Tuesday night to consider a petition signed by far more than the required number of voters (15 percent of the voters in the last general election), to lay plans for calling the election.

The law passed in the last legislature states that when a valid petition incorporating the necessary elements set out above is presented to a county board of elections it has no discretion. Within 30 days after receipt of the petition it must call the type of election requested.

Several important things must be taken into consideration in setting the date for the election. It cannot be held "within 60 days of the holding of any general election, special election, or primary election" in the county or any municipality in that county. The law requires that notice of the election be given 30 days prior to the date on which the registration books are opened for the election. Since the registration books must be opened on the fourth Saturday before the date of the election, the date for an election will have to be at least 53 days from the date the board is able to give the first notice.

Since there will be a town election in Murphy in the early part of May, there will not be sufficient time for holding the election before then. Therefore, the board has tentatively set August 4 as the date for the election.

T. B. Clinic To Be Held Here Soon

A Tuberculosis clinic for the examination of both adults and children will be held at the Cherokee county health department early in February, announces the office manager, Mrs. J. J. Hamilton. H. L. Satterwhite, X-ray and laboratory technician of the North Carolina Sanatorium, will hold the clinic. Those interested in an examination should get in touch with the health department prior to the clinic, as examinations will be made only by appointment.

Bids Are Being Received For Hangingdog School

Plans for building a part of the proposed school building at White church, Hanging Dog, have been announced by Lloyd W. Hendrix, superintendent of Cherokee county schools. At the present time, bids are being called for, for the construction of four class rooms of standard size, to be of brick. It is the plan to build later two additional class rooms, an auditorium and a cafeteria. Mr. Hendrix stated.

Singing To Be Sunday Afternoon

The Third Sunday afternoon singing will be held at Little Glade Baptist church, on the Martins Creek road three miles from Murphy, Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. John Danley, chairman, will preside. The singing is open to all singers and the public.

First Blanketing Snow Of Season Falls This Week

Old man winter struck Murphy and Cherokee county with full force for the first time this winter on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Murphy seeing the first snowfall this season to stick on the ground, was pleased but a bit shivery. The most snow reported was in the Southwestern part of the county. It was three inches there and reported to be coming faster. Andrews reported a small snowfall, and here in Murphy there was approximately one and a half inches.

With the wind blowing the snow it was bitter as it struck the many school children and people on the streets in the city. The school children were happy, along with most of the people to see the first of old man winter even though it was at below freezing temperatures.

Commemoration Program Presented By Baptist W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church held its first meeting of the year at the church Tuesday afternoon with 30 members present.

The topic was "Sixty Years in Royal Service", this being the W. M. U. commemoration year-1888-1948.

Mrs. Bessie Deweese and Mrs. Lloyd W. Hendrix presented the program, assisted by Mrs. Henry Hyatt, Mrs. W. C. Kinney, Mrs. Floyd Brendle, Mrs. R. D. Chandler, Mrs. Cloe Moore, Mrs. E. J. Darnell, Mrs. Ben Palmer, Miss Mildred Whitfield, and Mrs. Bob White who sang at the opening of the program, "Forward Through the Ages."

The program was illustrated by a big three-tier cake topped with two small candles which stood on a table in the front of the room. On the top tier of the cake was "60th Anniversary", on the second tier, "Golden Jubilee", and on the bottom tier, "Jubilate." On one candle was the date, "1888" and on the other, "1948."

A social hour followed the program when Mrs. Deweese and Mrs. Hendrix served cake and coffee to the members present.

Lions Club Host To Football Team

Murphy Lions club will sponsor the Cherokee county polio drive January 15-31, it was voted at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Methodist church.

The club was host at this dinner meeting to the members of the Murphy high school football team

and Coach Richard Yow. The 23 guests were welcomed by Dale Lee. Other guests were: Charles Worthen, guest of Dr. Geo. Plonk; and H. E. Cannon, guest of Dr. J. R. Bell.

President H. G. Elkins presented two new members: Glenn Patton and Cecil Penland, who were initiated by C. R. Freed.

Guard Exonerated In Prisoner's Death

David Warren, 19-year-old convict of Canton, died in a Murphy hospital about 12:45 Sunday morning from gunshot wounds received when he attempted to escape from a truck which was taking a road gang back to the Peachtree prison camp Friday afternoon.

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The body was taken by Townson funeral home to the Wells funeral home in Canton, and funeral services were held there Monday afternoon.

A coroner's jury that met Monday exonerated the guard, R. V. Wells, Jr., who shot Warren, holding that he was acting in the line of duty.

Group Attends Divisional Meet

The following from this county attended the Baptist Divisional W. M. U. leadership conference at Bryson City Baptist church last Saturday: Mesdames Henry Hyatt, R. D. Chandler, J. L. Hall, Sr., C. T. Almond, Alvin Buchanan, and J. M. Patterson, Misses Addie Mae Cooke and Mildred Whitfield, and Jerry Hall, Jr.

Miss Ruth Provence, executive secretary of the State W. M. U., was principal speaker and lead open discussions.

SERMON TOPIC

The Rev. W. T. Truett will preach at Ranger Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Christian Assurance."

The people of Shady Grove church will meet there Sunday morning at 11 o'clock to call a pastor.



POLIO CHAIRMAN—W. T. Teas of Andrews, who is chairman of the Cherokee county polio campaign which is now under way, to raise \$1,800.

Plan To Organize Scout Council

The Cherokee county Girl Scout association will meet with Mrs. Lucy Stroup, community advisor of Region Six, in Murphy Carnegie library recreation room on Monday, January 19, at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to work on the organization of a Girl Scout council.

District Council To Have Meeting Here On Friday

The Home Demonstration club county council officers of District One—composed of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, will hold a meeting in Miss Mary Cornwall's office at the courthouse Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss, district home agent, presiding.

Those from Cherokee county council expected to attend are: Mrs. Clyde McNabb, Belview, president; Mrs. Noah Hembree, Peachtree, vice-president; Mrs. Ben Warner, Martins Creek, secretary; Mrs. Sheridan Johnson, Tomota, treasurer; and Mrs. Paul Sudderth, third vice-president of the district organization.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the spring district federation and to plan for the year's work.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The basketball schedule for Murphy and Andrews teams for this week is: Thursday, Jan. 15, Nantahala High at Murphy High; Friday, Jan. 16, Murphy High at Hayesville High; Cullowhee High at Andrews High; Fontana All-stars at Murphy High; All-Stars.

County's Quota This Year Is Set At \$1,800

The campaign to raise Cherokee county's quota of \$1,800 for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis begins today (Thursday), announces the county chairman, W. T. Teas. The chairman states that he will not appoint committees for the work in Andrews, but will do the soliciting in the business section there himself. Miss Elizabeth Troxler will work with the school.

In Murphy the Lions club will sponsor the drive. President H. G. Elkins has appointed the following committee to work here: Dr. Geo. Plonk, chairman; Walt Mauney, Frank Forsyth, and H. A. Mattox, for the business district and community; and H. Bueck for the schools.

Civil Term Of Superior Court Convenes Monday

Cherokee county superior court is scheduled to convene Monday for the trial of civil cases only. Judge F. Donald Phillips will preside.

Cases to be tried are as follows: Palmer vs Palmer, Brown vs Brown, Pearson vs Pearson, Conley vs Conley, Roberson vs Roberson, Hartness vs Hartness, Hutton vs Fisher, Dewese vs Barnett, Mallonee vs Southern Railway Co. et als, Moore vs Cooke, Hubert Ramsey vs Whitherspoon et als, W. L. Ramsey vs Whitherspoon et als, Lester Ramsey vs Whitherspoon et als, Anderson vs Whitherspoon et als, Mason vs Davis et als.

Young Harris Musicians To Be On Club Program

The January meeting of the Murphy Woman's club will be held Tuesday evening in the dining room of the Methodist church, beginning at 6:30 o'clock with dinner served by members of the club.

The program will be on Public Welfare, with Mrs. Francis Coy and Mrs. G. W. Plonk, as chairmen.

Music will be furnished by members of the music department of Young Harris college. A short talk will be given by the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Young Harris and a film on Public Welfare will be shown.

Use Of Electricity Hits New High Here

Consumers of the Electricity Department of the Town of Murphy, already among the nations leaders in the consumption of electricity, broke all records here for the use of electricity during the year 1947. E. G. Hughes, City Manager, announced this week.

The power distribution system reached a new peak for total sales by pouring 4,796,777 kilowatt hours into the farms, homes and businesses it serves here. This was 20 per cent above the 3,803,229 kilowatt hours sold last year. It continues an upward trend in power distribution system was acquired by the City in 1939.

Consumption of electricity in the home topped all previous marks for the year, with the average residential customer using 3,651 kilowatt hours during the twelve-month period. This was 20 per cent ahead of 1946, which was a record-breaking year itself. It was also 52 per cent more than residential consumers used in the nation as a whole during the year just ended. National consumption for 1947 was in the neighborhood of 1435 kilowatt hours, although final tabulations have not been made.

Several factors account for the unprecedented consumption of electricity here, Mr. Hughes said. Electric appliance manufacturers are slowly catching up with the pent-up demand, and thousands of appliances have been added in homes during the past year. Another factor is that the low rates in effect here encouraged home-owners to use more electricity. And there is what he called the "electrical consciousness" of people in this area. They use electricity in preference to other

sources of power whenever possible, he declared.

All told, the 678 residential customers used 2,029,163 kilowatt hours during the year 1947.

Commercial users of electricity also hung up new records during the year, Mr. Hughes said. The average consumer used 6,587 kilowatt hours during 1947 as compared to 5,742 in 1946, the highest previous year. Total sales to the 238 commercial users amounted to 1,534,709 kilowatt hours.

Industrial power sales for the year totalled 1,112,905 kilowatt hours, an increase over 1946, when 1,084,500 kilowatt hours were consumed by industries here.

The power distribution system added 93 customers during the year to bring the total to 933, according to Mr. Hughes. Of the additions, 77 were residential customers, 15 were commercial, and 4 were industrial.

"It is interesting to note," said Mr. Hughes, that earnings during the year 1947 represent 26 per cent of the earnings since the system was acquired in 1938, and that these earnings were re-invested in plant to provide facilities for rendering further service to all of the consumers. Net plant additions for the fiscal year 1947 represent 33 per cent of the total plant owned by the people of our community, and 48 per cent of these additions were financed from funds earned during the year 1947."

"I feel that this increasing use of electricity is an indication of better community," Mr. Hughes said. "Our homes are becoming healthier and more comfortable, and our businesses are becoming more profitable as we turn more and more to electricity."

Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Saving



Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder inspects in his office an exhibit of some 80 school textbooks which contain material on United States Savings Bonds. "As much as anything could, this convinces me that saving through bonds has become a part of our national economic life," the Secretary commented. "The first textbook I ever saw with Savings Bonds material in it came to my desk only last March—an arithmetic with three pages of examples and problems in figuring the interest on Savings Bonds. That textbook publishers have since then included bond material in more than 80 editions of arithmetic, history and civics texts stands out in my mind as a proof of the way the Savings Bonds program is interwoven into the everyday life of the American people."

Overseas Relief Drive Is To Be January 25-31

Appointment of the Rev. W. B. Fenny, Murphy, and the Rev. C. C. Washam, Andrews, as co-chairmen of the Cherokee county overseas relief drive has been announced by the North Carolina Council of Churches which is sponsoring the state-wide "Fill a Ship with Friendship" campaign, January 25-31.

The date for the local drive will be announced later. The Rev. W. T. Medlin, Robbinsville, has been named chairman of the Graham county drive.

These three ministers are among 100 county chairmen who will organize community collections throughout the state to gather clothing, bedding, shoes and

household goods for shipment through Church World Service, official Protestant relief agency. To be packed for shipment, the materials will go to New Windsor, Md., where the Church World Service Center for this area is located. Oldest and largest of nine CWS Centers scattered throughout the United States, the New Windsor Center has a capacity for processing nearly a million pounds of relief goods a month.

During the year just ended, 3,712,764 pounds of goods were processed at this Center. Of that amount, North Carolinians, who have been in the front ranks of American giving since the war ended, contributed 661,641 pounds. Other

donations were from Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as well as from scattered states outside the area. Not content to rest on their laurels, the people of North Carolina are now out to build world friendship and save the lives of suffering millions by collecting a whole shipload of relief supplies. Civic and service organizations are uniting with the churches of the state to make the drive a success. Gifts will be channeled through Church World Service to the destitute overseas. Distribution will be made on the basis of need without religious, racial or political discrimination.