

Seeds For Europe Drive Under Way

Twenty-six 4-H Club Council members representing 10 clubs in Cherokee county and three leaders heard Oscar H. Phillips, newly appointed 4-H Club agent for the Western district speak on "Our State 4-H Program" at their quarterly meeting, Saturday morning, January 17, in the home agent's office in Murphy.

Jerry Hall, council president, presided over the meeting which opened with the club pledge and motto followed by 4-H songs led by Mildred Hendrix. Minutes were read by Carolyn Smith, council secretary, who also showed council members her original idea for a secretary's notebook. The finance committee report was given by Mildred Hendrix and was accepted.

The Council voted to sponsor an Easter Market in Murphy and Andrews as a means of raising building funds for the District 4-H Camp in Waynesville. The Council voted also to accept the recommendations of County Leaders for participation in the State's program of international activities and to sponsor a drive for a "Vegetable Seeds to Europe" program in all county schools.

Leadership pins as awards for outstanding activities at the Swannona Camp last summer were presented Carolyn Smith, Mary Frances Robinson and Carol Phillips of Andrews, Jerry Hall, Murphy, Edwin and David Hendrix of Peachtree, by Mr. Phillips.

Mildred Hendrix, State Leadership Champion, was presented a 17-jewel Elgin De-luxe wrist watch which bore the engraving "To Mildred Hendrix, State 4-H Leadership winner, 1947, by Edward Foss Wilson", by Mary Corwell, home agent.

Jerry Hall, was presented a \$25 Saving Bond as a State award for his Dairy Production demonstration, by Mack Patton, assistant farm agent in charge of 4-H Work.

Council members present and representing their respective clubs were: Jerry Hall, Dorothy Shields, Mary Farmer, Mildred Hendrix, Sherman Hampton and James Meyers, Murphy high club; Sammy White, Evelyn Radford, Murphy elementary club; Carolyn Smith and Mary Frances Robinson, Andrews high; Carol Phillips and Morris West, Andrews elementary club; Anna Ruth Stiles, Dorothea Flemmings, Doris Kilpatrick, Edwina and David Hendrix, Peachtree club; Jerry Ruth Smith and Blaine Stalcup, Martin's Creek club; Loretta Taylor and Jeann Hawkins, Ranger; Randall Shields, Mt. Pleasant; Devereaux Martin, club member and leader for the Grape Creek club; Mary Sue Martin, Wanda West, Betty Radford, Hiwassee Dam club; Miss Marion Jones and Mrs. Clifton Radford, leaders for the Hiwassee Dam club.

The group will meet for a recreational meeting the third Saturday in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Rat Stiles have returned from Tallahassee Fla., after spending a week there.

Canips Speaker At Associational Sunday School Convention Sunday

The Rev. J. C. Canipe, secretary of Evangelism and head of the North Carolina Bible Institute at Fruitland, will be the guest speaker at the Baptist Associational Sunday School convention to be held at Andrews Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Jack Palmer of Tomola will conduct the devotional, and special music will be rendered.

Representatives from a large number of the churches in the Western North Carolina association are expected to attend.

Dr. H. P. Powell Able To Return To His Home

News has been received here of the improvement of Dr. H. P. Powell, former pastor of First Methodist church here, who is now pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist church.

The following letter was received by Paul Hyatt of Murphy, from E. F. Barber:

Dear Mr. Hyatt:

Just a hurried scrawl, to let you know the latest about Dr. Powell.

When I returned to Raleigh last week, I learned that his condition had taken an unexpected turn for the better. Doctors are very much pleased with his progress, and he went home first of this week (December 22) thus being able to spend Christmas at home, instead of in hospital.

I have just talked to Mrs. Powell, and told her I was going to write you, so she asks to be remembered to all their friends in Murphy.

She says he is getting along wonderfully—has been able to go to the table for several meals this week—doctor allows him up a couple of hours a day—the arm is improving greatly. Doctors are surprised and pleased at the way it is healing. He is now able to use his fingers some, which indicates he will have the use of the arm, even though it may be a little stiff on account of silver plates put in it.

RECRUITING OFFICE CLOSURES TWO WEEKS

Sgt. Ken R. Coon, recruiting officer for this district, has announced that the recruiting office located in the Register of Deeds office will be closed from Thursday, January 22, until 8:00 a. m., February 2, at which time the office will resume its usual hours.

Religious Census To Be Taken Here Sunday Afternoon

There will be a city-wide religious census taken Sunday, January 25, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock P. M. This census is being sponsored by the following churches of Murphy: First Methodist, First Baptist and the Presbyterian. The purpose of this census is two-fold, viz: to first procure an official record of the non-church citizens of the town and also the church members; further, to try to bring the un-churching into the church.

The First Methodist Church is taking the lead in this undertaking, as the year 1948 is the last year of the Crusade for Christ in the Methodist Church, and it is the year in which primary emphasis is being placed on the Church School.

There will be an official meeting at the First Methodist church, Saturday, January 24, at 7 o'clock P. M., composed of the following representatives from the churches sponsoring this census: The Board of Education of First Methodist Church; the committees on territory, personnel, and planning, together with the visitors from the various churches. At this meeting there will be a social period, during which light refreshments will be served. Following this, the assembly will break up into smaller groups, each of which will be instructed as to their respective duties.

On Jan. 25, at eleven o'clock, a Consecration Service will be held in the First Methodist church, for those participating in this campaign. The visitors are to meet at First Methodist Church at 1:45 P. M. to receive their final instructions before going out at 2 o'clock. The people of Murphy are asked to remain at home Sunday afternoon, between the hours of 2 and 5:30 o'clock, so that this census can be taken in a thorough way.

Sunday, February 1, is to be in the nature of a great Church Rally at the First Methodist Church, at which time the census will be officially closed.

Governor Is To Speak January, 23 At Young Harris

M. E. Thompson, acting Governor of Georgia, will be the guest speaker of the Phi Chi and Phi Delta Literary and Debating Societies at their 57th anniversary banquet which will be held January 23.

It is expected that the Governor will arrive on the Young Harris Campus sometime Friday afternoon.

His visit will not be the first time that he has been on the campus, for it was during one of his visits several years ago, that he was made an honorary member of the Phi Chi's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGuire have moved to Mrs. J. W. Thompson's apartment.

Group To Attend NCEA Meeting

Mrs. Dair Shields, President of the Murphy Unit of the North Carolina Education, and her husband, Lonzo Shields, president of the Cherokee County Unit, will go to Raleigh Saturday for a statewide meeting of local unit presidents for a discussion of the question of asking the governor to call a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of cost of living salary adjustments for state employees. The Andrews Unit will be represented by Boyd Robinson, principal of Andrews Elementary School and Frank Walsh, principal of the Marble school.

Mrs. Richard Mauney and daughter, Cathey of Raleigh, will arrive Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Tom Evans returned Sunday from a week spent in Florida.

Mrs. Sudderth Heads District Council

Home Demonstration County Council officers for Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties met with the home agents and Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss, Western District agent, in Murphy, January 16, to make plans for activities of District one for 1948.

District officers selected for a two-year term were as follows: District chairman, Mrs. Paul Sudderth, Cherokee county; first vice-chairman, Mrs. R. L. Phillips, Graham county; second vice-chairman, Mrs. Waldrup, Clay county; historian, Mrs. Ben Warner, Cherokee county; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Sue Reese, Clay county.

Committees selected were: Nominating, chairman to be named from Graham county; resolutions, Mrs. Clyde McNabb, Cherokee county; courtesy, to be named, Graham county; steering, Mrs. Neil Jarrett, Clay county.

Mrs. Hotchkiss presided at the meeting and led the discussion on the functions of the county, district and state federation. Mrs. Clyde McNabb, Mrs. Ben Warner of Cherokee and Mrs. Sue Reese of Clay gave explanations of the various phases of the program.

Plans were made for the observance of National Home Demonstration Club week in May.

Artificial Breeding Is Available To Dairy Farmers

The Artificial Breeding association of the Murphy milkshed area started its operations here on Monday. The association is a unit of the Southeastern Artificial Breeding association, owned and operated by J. R. Prentice of Lake Geneva, Wis. Mr. Prentice has been in the artificial breeding business for the past seven years.

A stud is now being operated at Asheville, from which semen is being distributed to the various counties in which associations have been organized. Harold Hall of Murphy has been trained in a special course at State College, Raleigh, and is employed by the association to have charge of the work here.

A large number of farmers have joined the association and signed up for artificial breeding of their dairy cattle. This is an economical way for cows to be bred to the best purebred proven bulls available.

Dairy specialists point out to farmers that the use of proven bulls is the fastest way for dairy-men to increase milk production and improve the quality of a dairy herd.

The stud at Asheville has 10 registered Guernseys, 10 registered Jerseys and eight registered Holsteins, all of which are proven with a high index. Pedigrees are available at the county agent's office.

Teachers On Job After Absences Due To Illness

The Murphy school faculty was complete again this week after several absences since Christmas. Miss Clara McCombs resumed her work after a week's illness. Miss Jane Knowles and Richard Yow who were ill when school began Jan. 5 came back last week as did Walter Puett who was detained in Florida due to an automobile accident.

The position left vacant by Miss Grace Tucker, who was married Christmas, is being filled temporarily by Mrs. Clell Bueck. Mrs. Bueck who holds a B. S. degree in Home Economics and has done graduate work at the University of Virginia was for 10 years instructor of Home Economics at Selma, Supt. H. Bueck states that he expects to fill this vacancy with a permanent teacher by the first of February.

Non-Suit Taken In \$25,000 Libel Case

Frank Forsyth To Speak At P. T. A. Meeting

Frank Forsyth, manager of the local branch of Citizens Bank and Trust Company, will speak on "School Banking" at the meeting of Murphy Parent-Teachers association Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, announces the program committee, composed of Mrs. Ben Palmer, Mrs. J. Alton Morris, and Mrs. Lloyd Hendrix.

The Rev. W. B. Penny will conduct the devotional, and a musical number by Mrs. Margaret Akin's pupils will be given. Miss Emily Sword will make a report on the trancy work which she began a week ago. She has reported to the SCOUT that scores of children are now going back to school or entering for the first time, as a result of announcement in the paper two weeks ago that a truant officer had been appointed and her contacts since the work began.

Area Girl Scout Council Organized

Plans for the organization of a Western North Carolina area girl scout council were worked out by nineteen persons meeting Monday, in the recreation room of the Murphy City Library. Mrs. Harry Miller, president of the Cherokee Girl Scout association, will act as temporary chairman for the group until the formal organization which is expected to be completed in March.

Any groups sponsoring or interested in promoting scouting in their communities are requested to send suggestions for board personnel to the following committee: Rev. A. Rufus Morgan Franklin; Mrs. Neil Sneed, Murphy; and Mrs. Georg Bidstrup, Brasstown. Written communications from persons unable to attend the meeting Monday but interested in promoting the work were received from Cullowhee, Hayesville, and Bryson City, Cherokee, Macon and Clay counties had representatives at the meeting.

Murphy Tops Morganton Team With Score 35-14

The Murphy Bulldogs got back into the win column here Tuesday night by trouncing the Morganton, Ga., high school five by a score of 35 to 14. Murphy took a 5 to 0 first quarter lead and coasted on to an easy win. The Bulldogs were led by Alexander with 9 points while Haymore bucked in 5 points to lead the losing Morganton five.

In the first game the Murphy girls lost a hard fought game to the Morganton lassies. The Murphy girls led the Georgia state champions at half 10 to 9, but Morganton came back in the final quarter to clinch the victory by a score of 20 to 14.

Lineups
For Murphy (35): Morganton (14):
F. Hughes (6) Cheatham (2)
P. Wells (2) Haymore (5)
C. Hampton (5) Davis
G. Alexander (9) Standridge
S. Meroney Stevens (3)
Subs
Murphy: E. Hall (3), Thompson (7), Hogsd (4), J. Hall, Burch, Griggs, Davidson
Morganton: Love (4), Rogers

State Wildlife Meeting Is In Winston This Week

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation's third Annual Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem on January 25 and 26. Headquarters will be the Robt E. Lee Hotel. Several national known speakers including Carl D. Shoemaker of the National Wildlife Federation will be on the program. Federation President P. K. Gravelly of Rocky Mount will preside and give a report. Wendell Tesh, president of the Forsyth County Wildlife Club, and Dr. Fred Garvey, both of Winston-Salem, are in charge of local arrangements and have promised several entertainment features. Election of officers for 1948 will be held at the business session. Officers to be elected are president, three vice presidents, and secretary and treasurer.

Judge Donald Phillips of Rockingham presided over the term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases which was in session Monday through Wednesday noon.

The case of Willard Moore vs Addie Mae Cooke, publisher of the Cherokee Scout, for \$25,000 libel, was voluntarily non-suited by Moore through his attorney, John Loftin Mason, and the court ordered Moore to pay all costs in the action. When Mason requested a continuance of the case because joint counsel, John Queen of Waynesville was not present, Miss Cooke, through her attorneys, E. C. Hyde of Murphy and George Ward of Asheville, insisted on trial on the basis that she had present and available witnesses that had come from a distance and might not be available at a later date. These included the Rev. Sam Maddox of Florence, Ala., Patrick Reese of Hendersonville, Sergeant T. A. Sandlin and Ed Guy of Bryson City, and several men from Hayesville and Murphy. The judge refused to grant a continuance unless Mr. Queen told him he was sick, and Mason stated that he would take a non-suit.

The claim of Moore for \$25,000 was based on the reporting in THE CHEROKEE SCOUT in July, 1946, of an incident in which Willard Moore as a deputy sheriff struck and arrested the Rev. Sam Maddox, a prominent Baptist minister and a chaplain on terminal leave in the United States army, following which people of Murphy were aroused and asked the city and county officials for better law enforcement, and on an error in the listing of court cases in July, 1947, when the SCOUT's reporter, Patrick Reese, listed in a news story the wrong charges against Moore. The latter was retracted on two occasions.

The case of John A. Mallonee vs Southern Railway, in which he asked \$10,294 damages from a wreck in which his car was damaged last year, was sent to Federal Court because the Judge ascertained that Mallonee was a resident of Florida. Representing Mallonee were Loftin Mason and Thad Bryson of Franklin, and the Southern, Gray and Penland and George Ward. On cross examination Mallonee stated to the court that an insurance company had paid him \$1,050 for his car and that he did not go to see a doctor until four months after the accident. It required more than an hour to get a sufficient number of men to act as jurors in the case on Tuesday afternoon, and the trial had proceeded until late Wednesday morning before it was brought out that Mallonee was a resident of Florida.

The case of Fannie Deweese vs J. V. Barnett, asking \$25,000 damages as a result of an accident last July, in which her arm was broken, was tried before a jury which awarded the plaintiff \$4,000. Through his attorneys, Grey and Penland, Mr. Barnett noted an appeal to the Supreme court. Thad Bryson was counsel for Miss Deweese.

The following were granted divorces: Sallie Wilson Pearson from Edward Jackson Pearson, mother granted custody of child; C. J. Brown from Ganil Brown; Hazel C. Conley from Glen Conley; Marvye R. Stillwell from Wm. B. Stillwell, mother granted custody of child, and mistrial was ordered in the following: Zetta J. Hartness vs Willard Hartness and Dorothy Haigler Roberson vs Clinton H. Roberson.

PEEL HALL

Sam Coker, Atlanta, Ga., has been selected to serve as temporary house chairman of Peel Hall boys dormitory at Young Harris College. Coker will assist in directing the work of the student council members who will be on office duty in Peel Hall each night.

In addition to those responsibilities, Coker and other members will work out a program whereby students in Peel will come to recognize that the dormitory is their home during their stay here on the campus according to Starr Miller, faculty member in charge.

Cherokee And Clay Share Nantahala Forest Earnings

Supervisor E. W. Renshaw of the Nantahala National Forest was notified this week that the counties' share of the National Forest receipts has been paid to the State Treasurer. The money will now be distributed to the seven counties in which the Nantahala National Forest is located in proportion to the National Forest area in each county.

The payment for Fiscal Year 1947 slightly exceeds that of last year, indicating that the receipts from the Forest were proportionately greater. The sum paid to the state this year amounts to \$24,331.60. Cherokee and Clay counties' share amounts to approximately \$8,619.00, or about 35 percent of the total. Supervisor Renshaw points out that the payments this year closely ap-

proach 6 1/2 cents an acre which he believes compares very favorably with taxes received from comparable mountain land in private ownership. These payments to the counties are in lieu of taxes and are based on 25 percent payment, 10 percent of the gross receipts returned to the Nantahala Forest each year to be spent on Forest roads and trails. This year the return for roads and trails will be about \$9,733.00. The counties in which National Forests are located consequently receive about 35 percent of the gross receipts as a direct return in lieu of taxes. There is no expense to the county for tax collection, and no delinquency.

Sale of timber from the Nantahala Forest is by far the largest source of revenue. Small amounts are received from resort and other

land use permits. Cutting of green timber is based on a long range plan which insures steady increasing growth with no more being removed than is grown. Salvage of blight killed chestnut is proceeding as rapidly as possible so that all possible revenues will be realized from this source.

Perhaps of even greater importance to the communities on or near the National Forests is the amount of steady employment provided by private firms that cut and process the timber. One of the main objectives of the management of the Nantahala National Forest is to provide a businesslike example of perpetual operation and stable communities. Timber, water, wildlife and recreation are all developed for the maximum benefit to the people on a long-time basis.