

Tournament Starts On Next Tuesday

With boys' and girls' teams participating from twelve schools, the Western N. C. Conference basketball tournament gets underway here in the high school gym Tuesday, February 10, at 1 o'clock. The final games will be played Friday. The winners will meet the winners of the Blue Ridge Conference in the district tournament at Cullowhee a week later.

A number of trophies will be awarded at the final game, including trophies for boys in Class A and B and for the girls' conference champions. Also a trophy will be given to the boy and girl showing the best sportmanship at the annual event.

The tournament was held in Andrews last year with Murphy boys and Hiwassee Dam the winners.

The schedule for the opening rounds follows.

Tuesday Feb. 10

- 1 p. m., girls, Stecoah vs Bryson City;
- 2 p. m., girls, Franklin vs Cullowhee;
- 3 p. m., boys, Cherokee vs Andrews;
- 4 p. m., girls, Murphy vs Cherokee;
- 7 p. m., boys, Stecoah vs Nantahala;
- 8 p. m., girls, Hiwassee Dam vs Sylva;
- 9 p. m., boys, Robbinsville vs Cullowhee.

Wednesday Feb. 11

- 1 p. m., girls, winner (Hiwassee Dam vs Sylva) vs Robbinsville;
- 2 p. m., girls, winner (Cherokee vs Murphy) vs Nantahala;
- 3 p. m., boys, Murphy vs Franklin;
- 4 p. m., girls, winner (Cullowhee vs Franklin) vs Hayesville;
- 5 p. m., boys Sylva vs Franklin;
- 7 p. m., boys, winner (Cherokee vs Andrews) vs winner (Robbinsville vs Cullowhee);
- 8 p. m., girls, winner (Stecoah vs Bryson City) vs Andrews;
- 9 p. m., boys, Hayesville vs Hiwassee Dam.

Thursday Feb. 11, Semi-finals

- 7 p. m., girls;
- 8 p. m., boys;
- 9 p. m., boys.

Friday Feb. 13, Finals

- 7 p. m., girls;
- 8 p. m., class B boys;
- 9 p. m., class A boys.

Burning Permits Are Required

The spring fire season opened for Cherokee County February 1. The county fire warden, E. S. Burnette, urges that everyone put forth every effort to halt fire destruction this season. He says the support of the people has been commendable in the past, but hopes Cherokee county can make even better record this spring.

Burning permits may be secured from the following people: Ranger Anderson, Murphy, Mauney Bldg.; Ranger Olson, Andrews, Bank Bldg.; V. S. Love, Andrews; Allen Brendie, Wehuty; Posey Garrett, Patrick; Clayton Stiles, Suit; Lester Forrister, Sunny Point; Lee Coker, Brasstown; Vaughn Ricks, Murphy; County Agent's office, courthouse; E. S. Burnette, county warden.

SMITH RETURNS

Alfred Smith, former athletic coach in Murphy high school and more recently athletic coach in Andrews high school, has accepted a position with the Veterans Farm training program, with headquarters at Murphy high school.

School Children Givn New Lease On Life Through Gifts Of Clothing And Services

Many children in Murphy schools have been aided through the efforts of the welfare committee of Murphy Parent-Teachers association in recent weeks. Clothing and services donated by business firms and individuals in town have been distributed to children in order to get them in school or assist in keeping them in school. The welfare committee stresses the fact that none of the clothing has been given on a

Polio Campaign Is Extended

Dr. George Plonk, chairman of the Murphy committee for the polio campaign, announces that the drive has been continued here until Tuesday, February 10, when all workers will be expected to turn in their reports.

According to W. T. Teas, county chairman, it is expected that by the 10th the county's quota of \$1800 will have been reached.

Club Donates To Two Funds

The Cherokee Country club has donated \$25 for school lunches for pupils and \$25 for the polio campaign.

At a call meeting Tuesday evening, plans were made for a Valentine dinner to be held at Duke's lodge on February 14.

Overseas Relief Drive Organized

The Rev. W. B. Penny, of Murphy, co-chairman of the overseas relief drive in Cherokee county, held a meeting of representatives from local organizations Monday night at 7:30. Plans were made for the collecting of materials requested in the "Fill the Ship with Friendship" drive which will be conducted February 15-22.

The Churches are giving their full support to the drive which is being sponsored by the N. C. Council of Churches.

Materials to be collected in the coming drive is clothing of all kinds and for all ages. It was emphasized that clothing and shoes should be tied in pairs. High on the list of needed materials are quilts, blankets, and sheets for bedding. Many other needed items will also be gathered.

Lloyd Hendrix was appointed chairman for the Murphy district of Cherokee county, and will arrange for the coming drive through County Schools and Churches. W. M. Fain was elected chairman of the transportation committee. Mayor Neil Sneed is chairman of the collecting committee, and Felix B. Inglis was elected secretary of the drive.

The following representatives were present for the meeting: Rev. W. B. Penny, Lloyd W. Hendrix, Cherokee Dept. of Education; Mayor Neil Sneed, Town of Murphy; W. D. King and D. E. Sigmon, American Legion; Duke D. Whitley, W. M. Fain, and Harve Elkins, Lions club; Felix B. Inglis, Boy Scouts; C. G. White, First Baptist church; Sister Virginia Hetherington and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Episcopal church.

SERMON SUBJECT

The Rev. W. B. Penny, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "Andrew, the Man of Decision", and Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock on "The Trial of Ezekiel". Sunday school begins at 9:45 a. m. and Youth Fellowship at 6:30 o'clock. The Fellowship Hour will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the subject under discussion being "The Epistle of James", chapter 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray were in Atlanta Friday and Saturday.

The Scout Citizen at Work
...IN HIS HOME
...IN HIS COMMUNITY
...IN HIS NATION
...IN HIS WORLD

Thirty-Eighth Anniversary
BOY SCOUT WEEK
FEBRUARY 6TH TO 12TH

More than 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 38th anniversary of the organization. This year Boy Scouts are emphasizing conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up. Scouting promotes world peace through World Jamborees and practical help among 42 nations with 4,409,780 members. Through its World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America helps Scouts overseas to rebuild their units. So far, more than 3,000 tons of equipment have been shipped. Above is the official poster marking the Scout birthday.

Awards Presented Boys Scout At Court Of Honor

Ninety-six people attended the Boy Scout Court of Honor of the Nantahala District at John C. Campbell Folk school Tuesday evening. This was considered a record attendance.

Murphy Scouts came home with the attendance plaque, having won it with an attendance of 24.

Awards were presented as follows:

First class, by the Rev. J. C. Lime, Andrews; Billy Penny, Murphy.

Second class, by the Rev. W. B. Penny, Murphy; George Pulliam, Earl Nelson, Andrews; Cline Patton, Gene Rose, Mack Orr, Robbinsville; Ray Sims, Richard Dewese, Bobby Penny, Murphy.

Tenderfoot, by Avery Means of the Daniel Boone Council, Asheville; Joseph Hawks, Billy Joe Weeks, Andrews; Buddy Joe Cable, Robbinsville; Joe McCoy Jones, Jesse Beaver, Perlie E. Johnson, Jr., Loy N. Williamson, Oscar J. West, Jimmie M. West, Jack Dillard Reid, Ray Morrow, Hiwassee Dam; and Robert W. Bingham, Murphy.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beaver of Akron, Ohio, recently purchased a site in Andrews for the erection of a modern tourist court. They plan to have a number of cabins open by the first of April. This should be good news for the people of Andrews as it is about the only town in Western North Carolina that does not have one or more courts. The property was purchased from Howard Watkins of Lexington Park, Maryland, through the Sam W. Jones Realty Company.

Merit badges, by William Soderquist, Robbinsville; Billy Penny, music, reading; John Shepherd, woodcarving, reading, home repairs; and Harold Ashe, home repairs and safety; all from Murphy.

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Man Dies Of Suffocation; Another Narrowly Escapes

To Start Class In Carpentry

Classes in carpentry, woodworking and cabinet making are now available to veterans under the vocational training program, at Murphy high school. Those interested in enrolling in such classes should file application with Supt. H. Bueck. Cabinet making will be taught by Wendell Lovin-good.

Final Rites For Ray Johnson Are Being Held Today

Ray Johnson, 46, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at a local hospital, following a few days' illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, (Thursday) at Township funeral chapel. The Rev. Ralph Taylor, pastor of First Methodist church of Albemarle and former pastor of Murphy First Methodist church, officiated. Burial was in Sunset cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Abe Hembree, Bill Gentry, Toby Fain, Harvey Akin, Dr. Harry Miller, and Fred Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were: Frank Ashe, Lowery Gentry, Lawrence Ledford, Charley Wise, J. D. Burch, C. W. Savage, Vick Hubbard, H. E. Dickey, E. E. Stiles, Bob Allen, Ross Lovin-good, Sheridan Stiles, W. S. Dickey, F. E. Dickey, Ben Posey, Allen Ramsey, Bill Brandon, Marshall Ramsay, H. M. Wells, Roy Wells, Frank Crawford, Vincent Stiles, Calvin Stiles, Dr. J. R. Bell, C. L. Dobbs, H. G. Elkins, Claude King, Jim Green, Howard Moody, E. L. Townson, Hayes Dockery, and Bailey Meroney.

Born and reared in Cherokee county, Ray was a familiar figure around the Dickey hotel where he worked for Mrs. Thelma Dickey Phipps when she operated that hotel, and later he came with her to the Regal hotel working for her while she was there. He was employed at the Regal at the time of his death.

Jimmy Anderson Gets Nice Profit On Hybrid Corn

Cherokee County 4-H club boys and girls are showing their fathers and neighbors how to make a profit in farming. The results of following the best practices in growing crops and livestock have shown up in superior animals and outstanding crop yields. The economy of production shows up in record books accurately kept by the club members.

Typical of the 4-H club project records is the one kept by Jimmy Anderson of the Ranger 4-H club. Jimmy rented one acre of land from his father on the condition that his father furnish the fertilizer and Jimmy would furnish the seed and labor and get one-third of the crop.

Jimmy planted the high-yielding hybrid U. S. 282 seed and used eight wagon loads of manure, 1,000 lbs. of 4-10-6 fertilizer, and 150 lbs. of nitrate of soda. His production costs, including cost of seed, fertilizers, manure and labor, amounted to \$72.30.

He produced 110 bushels of corn, which he conservatively valued at \$2 per bushel or \$220 on the acre. This leaves a profit on the acre of \$147.70.

TRI-STATE SINGING

The monthly Tri-State singing convention will be held in the Murphy school auditorium Saturday night, February 7, beginning at 8 o'clock. All singers from Cherokee county and adjoining counties of Georgia and Tennessee are invited. Lee Pless of Copperhill will be in charge of this month's meeting.

Miss Bryan To Discuss Crafts Here February 7

Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, Extension Economist in Food Conservation and Marketing, will meet with the Cherokee County Crafters on Saturday morning, February 7, at 10 o'clock to discuss and demonstrate Crafts.

Selection and preparation of a Handicraft exhibit for the Southern Agricultural workers association meeting in Washington, February 11-14 will be a part of the meeting. Craft members are asked to bring samples of their handiwork.

Brother Of Rev. J. A. Morris Dies

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of First Baptist church, Murphy, was called Sunday to the bedside of his brother, Clell Morris of Hartwell, Ga., who died Monday morning in an Anderson, S. C., hospital. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis.

In the pastor's absence Sunday evening, the Rev. F. M. Davis, manager of Regal hotel, preached at the Baptist church.

The funeral of Mr. Morris was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the new Mt. Olivet church which the deceased had been taking the leadership in building.

Those from here who attended the funeral were: The Rev. and Mrs. J. Alton Morris, Mrs. R. D. Chandler, Misses Addie Mae Cooke, Sally Morris, and Ann Shields.

Commitment Day Is Set For 15th

The Cherokee County Ministerial association met in its regular monthly session Monday at 12:30 at Terrace hotel in Andrews.

At this meeting definite plans were agreed upon as to carrying out the "Fill A Ship With Friendship" Overseas Relief Drive for Cherokee county. This drive is to be launched during the week of February 15-22. The Ministerial association adopted this program and is sponsoring it wholeheartedly. The Rev. C. C. Washam of Andrews is co-chairman with the Rev. W. B. Penny of Murphy. Mr. Washam is organizing the Andrews section of the county, while Mr. Penny is in charge of the rest of the county.

The Ministerial association also went on record as endorsing and putting on in the churches represented by the Association, "Commitment Day", which is Sunday, February 15. Commitment Day is the day set apart by the churches when the members will be called upon to pledge themselves in writing to tally abstain from the use of alcohol.

SERVICES SUNDAY

Services will be held at Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by a student from Columbia seminary, Decatur, Ga.

\$100,000 Received Through Welfare

Through the Old Age assistance program in Cherokee county, administered through the county welfare department, 401 persons received last year \$71,400, or an average of a little less than \$17 per month, states Mrs. Laura Freeman, welfare superintendent.

Of the total \$71,400 \$62,700 was paid by the state and federal governments and \$8,700 by the county. The national average for Old Age assistance is \$26.

A total of \$42,840 was paid to 85 families for aid to dependent children. Of that amount \$38,280

Joseph M. Hoffman of Asheville, operator of Hoffman's soda shop there, died at a tourist cabin here Wednesday morning of "suffocation from lack of oxygen", according to a coroner's jury verdict. Gerald D. Mayhew of Montreat, manager of the American Optical company in Asheville, who came to Murphy with Hoffman, barely escaped death in the same manner.

At an inquest held Thursday morning (today) in the sheriff's office before Coroner Harry Miller, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of "suffocation from lack of oxygen". The following testimony was given:

Joe Higdon, sanitarian for the Cherokee-Clay-Graham health department, stated that around ten o'clock Wednesday morning he went to the cabin at Murphy Motor Court where he had left his friends the night before. He heard Mayhew groaning and went in to find him on the floor near the window and Hoffman on a bed in the adjoining room. He said that on examination of Hoffman he could not feel any pulse nor hear him breathing, that he smelled fumes and opened the doors, and then went to the office of the court to call a physician.

Higdon stated that on Tuesday night he went with the men to the court and that he and Mayhew went into the office to rent a room and that Mayhew registered. He said that he told E. L. Shields, owner, that he knew how to operate the gas heaters in the rooms, and it was not necessary for him to go to the cabin with them. He said that he stayed with the men about an hour and then Mayhew took him home. He said that Hoffman had had about two drinks and that he had a cold and was lying down on the bed when he left.

Dr. B. W. Whitfield stated he was called to the scene and that he gave Mayhew oxygen and later had him taken to his hospital where he was treated and remained overnight. He gave Hoffman artificial respiration, but could not revive him. He said that it appeared it had been sometime since Hoffman had breathed, when he saw him. Hoffman was fully dressed, he said. He stated that it was his opinion Hoffman died of suffocation because of lack of oxygen.

Mayhew said that after he took Higdon home he went to his room and went to bed and did not go to Hoffman's room nor see him. He said the first thing he remembered was when the oxygen tent hit his head. He said he lived in Jackson, Miss., for two years and used gas in his home and that he did not pay any attention to the gas heaters at the cabin, as he had never had any trouble with it. (Mayhew was released from the hospital Thursday and planned to return home.)

Mrs. E. L. Shields, manager of the tourist court, said that Higdon came to the office and told her that something was wrong with his friends, and that while he was calling a physician she and her sister, Mrs. J. A. Beaver, went to the cabin. She said that Hoffman was warm and that she tried to revive him. She put blankets on Mayhew, and did

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was paid by the federal and state governments and \$4,560 by the county.

Thirteen blind or partially blind received an average of \$24 per month through Aid to the Blind assistance.

General relief and other financial assistance was given to 17 families.

Individual children receiving services include the following: In parents' homes, 23; with other relatives, six; in boarding home, one; in adoptive home, two; in free foster home, three; in school for physically handicapped, three.