

## Whirlwind Drive Planned By Local Red Cross Chapter

The 1948 fund campaign to secure contributions of \$2,160 will be launched on Monday, March 1, by the Cherokee County chapter of the American Red Cross, breakfast for the workers at the Henry House at 8:30 a. m., announces the fund chairman, Howard Adair. Last year this chapter was the first in the state to go over the top with its quota. Mr. Adair states that he hopes the drive this year can be another "whirlwind" event and that attainment of the goal can be announced even on the first day of the month.

Following breakfast at 8:30 a. m., all workers will be asked to start soliciting immediately and make their reports to the chairman of their divisions, with the hope of all reports being in by noon.

During the week of February 23, the advance gifts committee, headed by Loren C. Davis, will solicit. This committee's work is to be completed before the main drive begins.

Chairman Adair states that a list of workers will be published next week.

### LEGION MEETING

The Joe Miller Elkins Post of the American Legion will have a dinner at People's Cafe Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p. m.

## Juniors Engaged In Many Activities

With interest focused the past few weeks on the collection of clothing for overseas relief, Murphy Junior Woman's club has cooperated by filling a large duffel bag with 39 pounds of clothing and shipped it to the Church World Service center in New Orleans. The club members contributed the articles for the bag, and Mrs. J. C. Penland was in charge of the work.

The club cooperated in the January infantile paralysis drive, and Mrs. Myron Jensen was in charge of receiving contributions at the local theatres.

Another project on which the club is working is the development of a Girl Scout camp at Persimmon Creek. To raise funds for this camp the club members sponsored a rolling store a few

### Clothing Drive To End Friday

The "Fill a Ship with Friendship" drive, will be for clothing for overseas relief, concluded this week, with the collection of all the material that is to be given, on Friday beginning at 2 p. m. Final plans have been completed throughout the county and those in charge of this undertaking are hoping for a cooperative effort on the part of the citizens of Cherokee county.

The Rev. C. C. Washam of Andrews states that the drive has been organized in Andrews, and that he hopes for encouraging results.

The Rev. William B. Penny of Murphy states that his associates are cooperating to see that this drive is a success.

Supt. Lloyd Hendrix is in charge of the drive in the rural sections of the county.

### McCLURE TO PREACH

The Rev. R. E. McClure, executive secretary of Asheville Presbytery, will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school will be held as usual at 10 o'clock.

## Laymen Speak Sunday At First Methodist Church

At 11:00 a. m. Sunday, Laymen's Day will be observed at First Methodist church. W. Merle Davis, chairman of the Board of Stewards, will be in charge and preside over the program. Ten minute talks will be made by the following: J. H. Hampton on, "Learning Religion In The Home"; D. E. Sigmon on, "Learning Religion In The Community"; and Dale Lee on, "Learning Religion In The Church."

The music will be under the direction of C. R. Freed.

At 7:30 p. m. the minister of the church, the Rev. Wm. B. Penny, will preach on, "The Rainbow's Message."

At the Fellowship hour, Wednesday evening, February 25, the pastor will speak on, "Control of the Tongue" from James 3:1-12.

## Country Club Undertaking Enlargement Program

The Cherokee Country club held a Valentine dinner dance at Duke's Lodge Saturday evening, for the purpose of inviting new members into the club. Mrs. Clyde Sneed served as mistress of ceremonies and introduced the guests.

The president, Bob White, told of the purpose and plans of the club. He stated that it is the purpose of the club to enlarge its membership and cooperate with other civic groups in providing a recreation center and golf course, to increase Murphy's appeal to tourists and visitors. The Valentine motif was used in the decorations, valentines being used as place cards.

Invited guests were: Misses Elizabeth Gray, Jane Knowles, and Addie Mae Cooke; Mrs. Sheridan Diekey, Mrs. Robert Reid, Paul Davis, Bob Failing, Walter Whitaker and Edgar Wood, Jr., of Andrews, Bob Cheney, Paul Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Easley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yow, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Case, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Studstill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreher, and Mr. and Mrs. Duke Whitley.

The regular meeting of the club was held Tuesday evening, presided over by the president, Bob White. Miss Fannie Dewesse and P. J. Henn were elected directors of the club.



SPEAKS ON MARRIAGE—

"Marriages Are Made" is the subject of "The Baptist Hour" for February 22nd, with Dr. T. F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia as speaker, it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. Heard over Station WSB at 8:30 EST. "The Baptist Hour" series, "Divine Light For Daily Living," considers one of the most vital problems of our day, the home, in the last two Sundays of February.

Dr. Adams, who will be heard both weeks, is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, and one of the most popular speakers ever to appear on "The Baptist Hour," having spoken in 1942 He is an expert in the field of marriage and the home. His subject for February 29 will be "A House With a Home Inside."

Featured on the February 22 program, will be the sixth favorite hymn, determined by a poll among interested listeners, including six and a half million Southern Baptists.

## Burning Permits Must Be Secured

Those persons who are planning to burn brush, ditch banks or fields must secure a burning permit as required by law. The law states that a permit is required before igniting any material that is within 500 feet of woodlands or over 500 feet away from a dwelling house, between the dates of February 1 and June 1, and October 1 and November 30. The county forest warden reminds people with permits that they are responsible for their fires and have available help to control any burning that is done. They are asked never to leave a fire until it is completely out.

The warden asks that every body read all instructions and limitations on the back side of the permit. All burning should be done when fire is easily controlled, preferably after 5 p. m., when the wind is not blowing and on days when the woods are not dry.

### CLUB PLAN BOX SUPPER FOR 27th

The Murphy Baseball Club held its first meeting Tuesday night, at Johnson's Market.

The board of directors made plans for a box supper and cake walk to be held at Murphy gymnasium on February 27 at 7:30 p. m. The proceeds will go to the baseball club.

W. D. King is manager and J. N. Boling, secretary-treasurer, of the club.

### HOME EC. TEACHER

Miss Nell McLendon of Atlanta has arrived here and assumed her duties as home economics teacher in Murphy high school.

## Murphy Cafe Changes Hands

Murphy Cafe has been purchased by Mrs. Rosa Price and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hemphill, who took over the management last Saturday. The new owners announce that they will not sell beer. The interior is being painted and re-decorated.

### TO SPONSOR RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY

The Junior class of Murphy high school will sponsor a rummage sale Saturdays from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. at the Roadside Market.

The students will take orders for cakes, candy, pies, and chickens.

The proceeds from these sales will be used for the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

### MOORE AT HOT SPRINGS

E. C. Moore is spending some time in Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. He was accompanied there by his son, Rae, who has returned home. Mrs. E. C. Moore and Cloe Moore are now visiting Mr. Moore.

## Rat-Free Houses Can Save Cherokee Folks \$100,000

### Founder's Day To Be Observed

Founder's Day will be celebrated by the Murphy Parent-Teachers' association at the regular monthly meeting to be held on Monday evening, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p. m. in Murphy school auditorium. Mrs. W. M. Davis is in charge of the program, announces Mrs. W. A. Hoover, president.

### Cannery For Two Counties Planned

Organization of a community cannery for Cherokee and Clay counties will be discussed at a meeting to be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 28, at John C. Campbell folk school. The project is to be sponsored by the Claycoke Coop., assisted by the farm and home agents of both counties.

## Mason's Funeral Is To Be Sunday

### Extension Given For Performance Reports To Be In

Victor Raxter, Chairman of the Cherokee County Committee, states that an extension of time for the filing of Performance Reports under the Agricultural Conservation Program has been received. Instead of February 15 as a closing date, farmers in the county now have until February 28 in which to file a report on the practices carried out last year.

Only about 90 percent of the farmers in the county have filed Performance Reports to date, whereas Mr. Raxter states that probably 95% of the farmers have participated in the 1947 Program either by carrying out some of the practices or through the use of conservation materials. This extension of time will give these farmers a chance to come to the county office and complete their report on 1947 practices.

## Geo. M. Evans Is Taken By Death At Age 82

George Marion Evans, 82, died at 3 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Shields of Murphy, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Shady Grove Baptist church, with the Rev. J. Alton Morris officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery, with Ivie funeral home in charge. Masons conducted graveside rites and served as pallbearers.

Mr. Evans was a member of Fairview Methodist church and secretary of the Sunday school for a number of years. He had been a member of Montgomery Masonic Lodge, No. 426, for over 40 years, was Cherokee county coronor for 10 years, and was active in civic and political affairs.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. L. Shields, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Pearl Beaver, both of Murphy, and Mrs. Wanna Ross of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; three sons, Carl W. Evans of Oak Ridge, Floyd and Verlin Evans of Ranger; one brother Samuel Evans of Sevierville Tenn., 12 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

## Symphony Concert To Be On March 16

The North Carolina Symphony Society's orchestra will give its annual concert in Andrews school auditorium on Tuesday, March 16, it has been announced.

School children will hear the orchestra in a free day concert, the hour to be announced later, and school buses will be used to transport pupils from other schools, to Andrews.

The evening concert will be for

Lester L. Mason, 50, prominent Cherokee county business man and politician, died in an Atlanta hospital at 2:15 a. m. today (Thursday) after an illness of more than a year. He had been in Atlanta for more than a week.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at Maggie's Chapel at Brasstown, with the pastor, the Rev. Alfred Smith, the Rev. Ham Coffey, the Rev. Robert Barker and the Rev. W. B. Penny officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Ivie funeral home in charge.

Active pallbearers will be Dr. Harry Miller, Sheridan Diekey, Abe Hembree, Lewis King, Luther Carringer, Harvey Akin, W. M. Fain and J. W. Franklin.

Honorary pallbearers, among whom are a number of state and county officials, prominent business men and close friends, are too numerous to mention.

Mr. Mason was active in civic work and local and state political affairs, having been sheriff of Cherokee county for three terms, was a large land owner and farmer, and the largest stock dealer in Western North Carolina. He was a member of Maggie's Chapel Methodist church, and of the Masonic Lodge of Brasstown.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Mab Brendle Mason; one daughter, Mrs. Wilda Sanford of Washington, D. C., two sons, John Henry Mason of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and L. L. Mason, Jr., of Murphy; his mother, Mrs. John R. Mason; two brothers, Clayton and John Loftin Mason, all of Brasstown; five sisters, Mrs. C. C. Hemphill, Mrs. A. H. Hatcher, Mrs. J. C. Evans, Miss Flossie and Miss Verdine Mason, all of Cherokee county.

A campaign to deal the rats of Cherokee County a death blow is being planned for the first part of March. This campaign is being sponsored by the County Agents and AAA in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rats each year cost the people of Cherokee County as estimated \$100,000. This is in addition to the deadly diseases which they spread and the annoyance of having these pests on premises.

Fortified Red Aquil, the poison which will be used, is harmless to people and domestic animals, but has proven deadly effective on rats in the control campaigns which have been conducted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a number of years. The bait will be prepared and put up in three-pound packages, which is the amount needed to bait the average farm. Complete instructions for using the bait will be furnished with each package. The cost will be \$1.10, considered small price to pay for the relief that will be obtained.

In order to get the proper amount of bait the agents must know in advance the number of people that wish to participate. If you wish to take an active part in getting rid of these harmful pests, the order along with the \$1.10, should be sent, to the County Agents of AAA office, before Mar. 1.

Bait will be bought only for those who send in orders by that date. You will be notified by mail exactly when and where to obtain your bait.

Rats travel from farm to farm and house to house and the sponsors are urging that every body cooperate, to make the campaign effective.

## Red Cross Essay Contest Sponsored

To encourage interest in the Red Cross on the part of school children, Davis' Jewelers is sponsoring an essay contest in which they will give away two prizes.

High school students in Murphy and Hiwassee Dam schools are eligible to enter. The title of the essay is, "Why We Should Support the American Red Cross". Essays are limited to 500 words, and all entries must be in by February 20. Winners will be announced next week.

The first prize is a Parker, seven-jewel watch, and second prize is a Sheaffer pen and pencil set.

## Garden Contest To Be Sponsored By Woman's Club

Murphy Woman's club voted at the meeting held Tuesday evening in the First Methodist church dining room to sponsor a garden contest this year, emphasizing the beautification of the lawns and flower gardens in Murphy. The contest will be open to all residents of Murphy who wish to enter. Rules and committees will be announced at a later date.

W. J. Anderson of Hayesville, state highway patrolman who is stationed in Hendersonville, was the principal speaker on the citizenship program. He was presented by Mrs. Thos. S. Evans, and spoke on the N. C. Motor Vehicle Inspection laws. He stated that 65 per cent of the accidents on highways are caused from faulty equipment and that the inspections which are now required by law will decrease such accidents. He pointed out that regular inspections will increase the re-sale value of automobiles, will decrease thefts, improve the quality of workmanship at some garages, and give the driver an opportunity to know in which condition his

car is. Another advantage of the law is that the people will become better acquainted with officers and learn that they are their friends, working for their protection, he said.

Prior to Mr. Anderson's address, Mrs. R. W. White sang, "Silvia" by Oley Speaks and "Memories" by Kahn, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Davidson at the piano.

It was voted to close the recreation hall in the library building except when adult supervision is available and for the key to be kept by Mrs. C. W. Savage, member of the club. This action was taken when it was reported to the club that some young people who have been using the building have been guilty of vandalism.

Mrs. E. H. Brumby, president, who presided over the business session, appointed the following nominating committee to report at the next meeting: Mrs. R. W. Easley, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Davidson, and Miss Emily Sword.

Mrs. Hugh Roberts of Marietta, Ga., was a guest of Mrs. Brumby.

## Hiwassee Dam, Cullowhee And Sylva Are Tournament Winners

The Western North Carolina Conference cage tournament finals held in Murphy High gym last Friday produced three of the most thrilling games in this city in many a moon as Hiwassee Dam won the girls' for the second straight year, beating Hayesville 21 to 15 in a thriller; the Cullowhee boys coming from behind to top a favored Hiwassee Dam quintet 28 to 25 in the class B boys' division, and the Sylva Hurricanes outlasting Swain High of Bryson City for a 32 to 22 victory. Each winner and the runnerup will represent this conference in the District State tournament at Cullowhee.

The four-day event brought many thrilling clashes and the old appeal was upset in many instances. The three top-seeded teams were eliminated in the first or either the second round and the race was thrown wide open. The final official scores of the games are as follows: Nantahala boys 39, Stecoah 15; Hiwassee Dam girls 21, Sylva 19; Robbinsville boys 23, Cullowhee 25; Robbinsville girls 26, Hiwassee Dam 28; Murphy girls 23, Cherokee 18; Cherokee boys 34, Andrews 53; Murphy girls 17, Nantahala 15; Swain boys 29, Murphy 28; Hayesville girls 24; Cullowhee 14; Sylva boys 31, Franklin 26; Cul-

lowhee boys 35, Cherokee 30, Andrews girls 34, Swain 23; Hiwassee Dam boys 27, Hayesville 17; Hiwassee Dam girls 29, Andrews 25; Hiwassee Dam boys 28, Nantahala 18, Hiwassee girls 21, Hayesville 15; Cullowhee boys 28, Hiwassee 25; and Sylva boys 32, Swain 22.

Trophies were presented by the conference to the winners and the runnerups, and individual trophies were presented by business men of Murphy to the most valuable girl-Brakens, Hayesville; most valuable boy-Smith, Cherokee; girls' team showing best sportmanship, Hiwassee Dam; boys' team showing most sportmanship, Cherokee.

The all-tournament teams as picked by coaches are:

Girls, Brakens, Hayesville; Dockery, Hiwassee Dam; Taylor, Murphy; Holloway, Andrews; L. Davis, Robbinsville; O. Davis, Robbinsville; O. Stiles, Hiwassee Dam; Bryson, Sylva; Hall, Murphy; Buchanan, Swain; Tubby, Cherokee; Walker, Robbinsville.

Boys, Smith, Cherokee; Patterson, Hiwassee Dam; Cunningham, Sylva; Norton, Cullowhee; Tilley, Cullowhee; Hughes, Murphy; Stevenson, Swain; Bateman, Nantahala; Norton, Franklin; and Thompson, Robbinsville.