



CLASS LEADERS—Shown above are the valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1949 Graduating class of Murphy high school. On the left is Miss Mary Hayes Farmer, valedictorian, and right, Miss Sue Leford salutatorian. These two students made almost the same average during their four years of high school.

Miss Cobb Speaks To Woman's Club

Miss Beatrice Cobb, distinguished Morganton woman, was guest speaker at the Tuesday evening dinner meeting of Murphy Women's club in the dining room of First Methodist church. She took the members of the club, their husbands and guests present on a trip around the world through her verbal description of her trip to 20 countries by clipper last fall, and the showing of slides of pictures she took as she travelled.

Miss Cobb, who publishes the Morganton News-Herald, is prominent in the Democratic party having served as National Committee woman from North Carolina for several years, and is secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Press association, was accompanied by Mrs. Corinne Cook of Texas. They travelled with the status of war correspondents and were thereby able to visit many places that otherwise would have been closed to them.

The couple left New York by clipper, first stopping in Newfoundland and then London. She told of how one prominent English family asked them to share with them a can of "Spam", which they had been saving for a special occasion, indicating that even now good food is scarce there. She told of flying the lift to Berlin and the destruction she saw. They visited Hitler's retreat and "love nest" in the Bavarian Alps, and she showed pictures of the mountain and the super highways Hitler built with Jewish labor. She was told that probably every few feet of the highway was the burial place of a Jew who fell in his tracks from disease or exhaustion and was buried on the spot in the cement.

The Prague was the only place where they went behind the "Iron curtain".

Among the other countries of Europe they visited were Italy, Greece, and Turkey. They went into Syria, visiting Damascus, and Egypt, visiting Cairo and along the Nile. In Cairo they found much unrest. They visited Iran and India, spending sometime in Delhi and New Delhi and also visited Calcutta, where they had no desire to tarry. In Siam they spent sometime in Bangkok. She described Siam as the most charming place she visited and said she hoped to return there sometime. The Philippines, China, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands were on the itinerary. Following a visit in California, Miss Cobb returned home three months after leaving on the trip. She said that one thing that travel does is to make one appreciate his own country—its beauty and freedom—and widens one's vision of world needs.

Miss Cobb was presented by Miss Addie Mae Cooke, in whose home she visited while in Murphy. Miss Cooke also introduced another guest, Mrs. John W. Alley, sister of Miss Cobb, of Sheffield, Ala.

Mrs. L. W. Shields, retiring president, presented new officers for next year: Mrs. Harry Miller, president; Mrs. Joe Hamilton, secretary; Mrs. R. S. Bault, vice-president; and Mrs. C. W. Savage, treasurer.

The club voted to cooperate with

S. L. Kisselburg Is Badly Injured

S. L. Kisselburg of Culberson was seriously injured Sunday when an unidentified person ran into the back of his car near his home, causing it to run up an embankment and overturn, throwing him onto the concrete road. His head was severely cut. He is reported to be resting very well at Petrie hospital.

Bault Home Is Damaged By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bault was badly damaged by fire which was discovered about 2 p. m. Sunday near the ceiling on the back porch.

Mrs. Bault and her brother had gone upstairs to the storage room when they noticed smoke. They hurried down stairs, and found flames bursting out on the porch.

Due to the efforts of the voluntary fire department the fire was soon under control and the house was saved. Damage estimated at \$2,000 or more, was confined to the kitchen, dining room, breakfast room and living room.

The house is of brick veneer, and the family had occupied it only since March 12. There was insurance on the house.

Thompson Lists Special Services

A decoration service will be held at Antioch Baptist church, Antioch, Ga., on Sunday, May 29. Services will last all day and lunch will be served at noon.

The Rev. J. Alton Morris, pastor of First Baptist church, Murphy, will bring the 11:30 message. At 2 p. m. the Rev. C. C. Boington, pastor of First Baptist church, Blairsville, Ga., will speak, announce the pastor, the Rev. C. J. Thompson.

Homemakers Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of Hiwassee Dam Future Homemakers the following officers were elected: Lois Allen, president; Alma Cole, vice president; Julia Stiles, secretary; Betty Jean Verner, treasurer; June Mashburn, reporter; Donna Mae Rose, song leader.

DECORATION AND SINGING
Decoration service and a singing will be held at Friendship Baptist Church No. 2 on Sunday, May 22, announces W. H. Collins, who says the public is invited.

Miss Mary Cornwell spent the week-end with her father, Sam Cornwell, and sister, Miss Ada Cornwell, in Hartsville, Tenn.

the town and the Regal club in sponsoring a clean-up campaign in Murphy May 23-24.

Monday-Tuesday Are Clean-Up Days

Town To Furnish Trucks To Remove Rubbish Collected

Next Monday and Tuesday will be clean-up days in Murphy. The Regal club is sponsoring the event with the cooperation of the town and civic organizations. Mayor Neil Sneed has promised the town's support by furnishing trucks to pick up trash and rubbish from the stores and homes of the community, and calling upon the people of the community to keep their premises, all vacant lots and public property clean.

Murphy Woman's club on Tuesday night voted to cooperate with the Regal club and the town in sponsoring the drive.

Members of the Regal club, of which Mrs. J. H. McCall is president, are urging that all residents in Murphy join them in helping to make Murphy a clean and attractive town. They request that during the two clean-up days next week everybody make a special effort to clean up their lawns, back yards, and vacant lots, cut grass and weeds and remove all unsightly rubbish. They also ask that the town clean the streets and encourage the citizenship to refrain from throwing paper and trash on the streets and other people's property, and that the county cooperate by making the public property here clean and attractive.

In addition to the general clean-up campaign the club is urging the citizens of the community to plant flowers to beautify their own homes and premises and to help make the town as a whole beautiful for local people and visitors to enjoy. They suggest that many vacant spots in the business district could be beautified with a few flowers.

Andrews Finals Start On Friday

ANDREWS—The commencement season for the Andrews City schools will be definitely launched beginning on Friday night with the presentation of the annual senior play, "Love is Too Much Trouble". It has a cast of five boys and nine girls. Miss Jean Christy is director.

On Sunday evening, May 22, in the school auditorium, the annual Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. E. J. Coltrane, president of Brevard College. Dr. Coltrane, a well-known educator and a former district governor of Kiwanis International, has never appeared before in Andrews.

Final graduating exercises will take place on Friday evening, May 27, when diplomas will be awarded to thirty-six graduates. Prizes and awards will be made at that time, and short talks will be made by Howard Holder, class valedictorian; Gordon Lee Butler, outstanding senior, and Betty Ruth Brown, salutatorian.

The commencement address will be delivered to the senior class by Senator L. B. Nichols. Senator Nichols is a former principal of the high school here, and also for several years he was chairman of the board of trustees of the Andrews unit.

McClure To Speak At Maltby Church

The Rev. Leonard McClure will preach at Maltby Baptist church on Sunday, May 22, at 7 o'clock. There will be with him a Cherokee Indian quartet, who will sing.

HILL IS ILL

Thomas J. Hill, an attorney formerly of Murphy and Greensboro, is seriously ill in Florida. After Sunday, May 22, he will be at the home of his brother-in-law, Bruce Fisher, of Andrews.

Cherokee Gets \$1,478,000 For Roads \$128,000 For Schools If Issues Pass

If the voters of North Carolina pass the road and school bond issues in the election on June 4, Cherokee county will receive \$1,478,000 from the road bonds and \$128,843 from the school bonds, in addition to the \$250,000 already approved by the state.

E. A. Wood, chairman of the Cherokee county Board of Commissioners, who is at home now recovering from a heart attack and mumps, says that he hopes Cherokee county will go at least 90 percent for the bonds. "It is the only salvation for school buildings and roads here," he says.

Abe Hembree, chairman of the Board of Elections, says that he believes Cherokee county will go at least 75 percent for the bond issues.

The road bond bill for the state is for \$200,000,000, and the school bond bill for \$250,000,000. If approved, the \$1,478,000 for Cherokee county roads would be spent for secondary and farm-to-market roads and eventually would bring a paved road to within one and a half mile of practically every family in the county. In order to help finance the new road program, an additional tax of one cent a gallon will be put on gasoline. This new tax would start January 1, 1950.

From the \$25,000,000 appropriated by the State legislature for schools, Cherokee county gets \$250,000 for general school building improvement or new buildings, and the additional \$128,843 would come to the county for the same purposes if the bond issue is approved. The latter figure is arrived at on the per pupil basis.

Distinguished Speakers Are On District Program



SPEAKS HERE — Miss Iris Davenport, woman's editor of Southern Agriculturist, Nashville, Tenn., will be a guest speaker at the annual meeting of District No. One Federation of Home Demonstration clubs at First Methodist church, Murphy, on Wednesday, May 25. Miss Davenport is an outstanding careerist in Home Economics and recently was chosen one of the top seven Southern women.

Other outstanding speakers will include the following from Raleigh: Miss Ruth Current, state home agent; Mrs. Pauline Hotchkiss Pierce, district home agent; John W. Goodman, assistant director of the North Carolina Extension Service; and R. W. Shoffner, district farm agent.

Mrs. Paul Sudderth of the Peachtree club, district president, will preside, and Mrs. Verlin Reese of Clay county, district secretary, will serve in that capacity. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and will continue through an afternoon session.

The district is composed of the following counties: Cherokee, Clay and Graham, and representatives from each of those counties will report on 4-H club and home demonstration club work.

Mrs. Merie Davis, Murphy club, will give the devotional. Mrs. Dock Sudderth of Peachtree will serve as organist for the day, and present a fifteen minute arrangement of hymns preceding the program. Welcome will be extended by Mrs. Clyde McNabb, president of Cherokee County Council; Neil Sneed, Mayor of Murphy, and Hobart McKeever, attorney, for Cherokee county; and Mrs. T. A. Case, District president for Women's Clubs, for her organization. Special music will be featured from Clay and Graham counties.

Miss Mary Cornwell, local home demonstration agent, states that all club women and any others interested in home demonstration club work are invited. A pot luck dinner will be served in the church basement at noon.

Miss Davenport's lecture, which will be in the afternoon, will be on the topic, "Harmony in the Home".

A native of North Carolina, Miss Davenport went to Southern Agriculturist in 1942 as Associate Woman's Editor and was made Woman's Editor in January of 1946. A graduate of the University of Georgia, she earned her Master's degree at Columbia University, then continued her studies at Paris, France, and at Louisiana State University. Inaugurating her Home Economic work as a teacher, she soon became head of the Home Economics Department at Georgia State Normal, furthered her program with Extension work in

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Mrs. Sarah A. Tweed Is 107 Years Old

Mrs. Sarah Ann Tweed of Brass-town, mother of Mrs. B. L. Fox of Murphy was 107 years old last Saturday. She was born May 14, 1842, on Little Pine Creek in Madison County, the daughter of John and Mollie Worley Payne.

She was married to Joshua Tweed of Marshall and is the mother of seven children, five of whom are living. She was very energetic in earlier years, and was an excellent cook. She has been a member of Little Pine Creek Baptist Church since childhood. She often relates incidents of the War between the States, which she remembers vividly.

POSTPONED
The dedication service of Free Methodist church which was previously announced for May 29 has been put off indefinitely.

Request For Wheat Acreage Must Be Made

All operators of farms on which wheat was not seeded for harvest in any of the years 1947, 1948 or 1949, but on which wheat will be seeded for harvest in 1950, must request, in terms of a specific acreage, a 1950 wheat allotment, if an allotment subsequently is to be established for such farm.

The requested 1950 wheat acreage allotment must be submitted in writing by the owner or operator to the County Committee at the AAA office.

Lands Committee To Hear Pleas For Park Improvement

The Public Lands Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, numbering approximately 25, will spend three days this week in Western North Carolina, on an inspection trip through the Smoky Mountain National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock a public hearing will be held at the courthouse in Asheville, for the committee to hear representatives from many areas in this section discuss the needs for improvements in the Park and the completion of the Parkway.

Details of the trip were arranged in Washington by Congressman Monroe M. Redden, who is a member of the committee. Plans for the hearing Saturday are being arranged by Charles Ray, chairman of the North Carolina Parks Commission, and Percy B. Ferebee, president of Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Several people from this county are expected to attend. The courthouse will be closed all day Saturday, as many of the county officials will be among those going to Asheville.

Taylor's Injured In Auto Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Taylor who live near Suit, had their car crowded off the highway Sunday, and were brought to Petrie hospital, where Mr. Taylor was found to be critically injured, having a fractured pelvis and other injuries. Mrs. Taylor was not so severely injured.

Baseball Team To Play First Game

The Murphy baseball team will have its first game of the season Sunday, May 22, at 2:30 p. m., when they will play Hayesville on the Murphy field. "Shag" Hunt will be on the mound for Murphy.