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TYPHOID CARRIER IN BEAVER DAM; BOY IS STRICKEN

Whichard Acts to Halt Spread of Disease; 1st Case In 2 Years

A typhoid carrier identity not yet learned, has caused the first case of typhoid in Cherokee, Clay or Graham counties within the past two years. The carrier lives in the Beaver Dam section, and the victim is 17-year-old John T. Radford, son of Fred Radford, a farmer.

Health Officer Whichard is sending stool samples taken from all the members of the Radford family, to Raleigh for tests to see if any of them may be the carrier. The boy's grandfather and grandmother both have had the disease, but they were stricken years ago, and it is believed that if either of them were carriers, typhoid would have swept over the section long before this.

An effort will be made to test stool samples from every person with whom the Radford boy has come in contact. Dr. Whichard said if necessary test stool samples would be taken from every person in the section.

Meanwhile, he warned against drinking any water from any of the streams, creeks or springs in the section unless treated with chlorinated lime, or boiled. Swimming in Beaver Dam creek, he said, might be dangerous because of the almost certainty of getting some of the water in the mouth.

Dr. Whichard pointed out that typhoid can only be contracted through the mouth.

"Always the first case is caused by a carrier," Dr. Whichard said. "Usually it comes from pollution of water following rains which sweep over privy or toilet deposits. After the first case, however, the disease may be spread by flies, by using drink-

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New Restaurant Opens Doors in Parker Bldg.

Phillips Restaurant, Murphys' newest eating establishment opened its doors to the public here Tuesday in the Parker building next door to Parker's drug store. George Phillips is the proprietor of the new business.

Extensive improvements have been made to the interior of the building and modern equipment installed, making this one of the best restaurants of its type in this vicinity.

Draftees Now 'Marry at Their Own Risk' According to New Order of General Metts

Registrants who get married on the eve of induction or after being ordered to report to the doctor for physical examination will do so at their own risk and will find that their marriage will not keep them out of the Army.

This was made clear today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, as he announced a modification of the former policy of leniency toward married men which has been recommended by State Headquarters. General Metts stated that an increasingly large number of registrants are apparently undertaking to abuse the policy of leniency in an effort to evade military service.

The modified policy is as follows: "When a registrant acquires married status after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination' it should be assumed that both parties concluded the marriage knowing that the registrant was subject to early call for service and were prepared to take the consequences, and therefore deferment is such cases would not appear to be justified.

100 Questionnaires Will Be Issued By Local Board Weekly

In compliance with a new order from the national draft board questionnaires will be sent out at the rate of 100 per week until every man registered in Cherokee county receives one. Wayne Walker, secretary of the local board announced this week.

To date 625 questionnaires have been mailed out, 105 of which were sent out in the past two weeks.

The rapid sending out of the questionnaires does not necessarily mean that men will be drafted that fast, but it is expected that a call will be made every month, each larger than the one before.

A new order recently issued also states that men married since the inauguration of the selective service act will be treated as if they were still single when examined for service.

The next call for men from this county has been set for August 13 when 16 men will be sent to Fort Bragg. A complete list of the new draftees will be published as soon as available.

JACK LUTHER, 16 DROWNED WHILE ON FISHING TRIP

Elder Brother Barely Escapes Like Fate In Attempt At Rescue

An undertaker's wagon drove slowly into Andrews Tuesday morning, bringing in the body of 16-year-old Jack Luther, son of Jim Luther, well known farmer in the valley river section about one mile west of town. The boy had been drowned the day before while on a fishing party with two brothers and a sister-in-law, near Brasstown.

The body had been found by Bruce Bradley of Andrews, by poling the bottom of the Hiwassee river. The remains lay wedged between two rocks only a few feet from where he sank for the last time. The water there is about 15 feet deep.

Bradley was one of five from this section who went to the death scene to search. All through the night expert divers from the nearby prison camp, and men in boats had labored in vain.

Searching in the boat with Bradley

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MURPHY SECTION SHOWS THE WAY IN U. S. O. DRIVE

Forsyth and Aides Now Have \$117 Cash While Ferebee Is Lagging

Residents of Murphy and vicinity are "showing the way" in the County-wide \$200 drive for the United Service Organization fund to establish recreation centers for the boys in army camps. Frank Forsyth reports that he has raised \$117 in cash with only \$8 to go to reach the \$125 quota for the lower section of Cherokee.

P. F. Ferebee, directing the drive for Andrews and the upper end of the county had a quota of only \$75. The banker and Road Commissioner says he has received a number of pledges, but admits he has collected very little cash. This is despite the fact that many boys who will benefit directly from the fund, have joined the army from that section.

Forsyth plans to continue his drive in an effort to go well "over the top" so that any possible deficiency in the upper end can be made up for. Forsyth lauded the efforts of the assistant drive directors, one of whom was named for every community. "They have all worked hard," he said, "and have gotten splendid results. Without their help, the drive could not have succeeded."

Ferebee himself is largely responsible for the lead taken by his rival section. Several days ago he called Forsyth on the phone and boasted that he had raised "nearly \$100." Forsyth met the challenge by visiting

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"Used Car" Ad Almost Puts Jim Franklin Out of Business

Jim Franklin, Murphy auto dealer, put a used car ad in the Scout last week. Tuesday he called the Scout and instructed that the ad be "killed." Asked why, he explained that he had nothing left to offer.

"Every car I advertised has been sold," he said, adding that he knew positively, that the Scout was responsible.

"The first sale I made was to a man who lives over near the Tenn. line," he said. "This man told me he read the Scout, and wanted to see a certain 1934 model that I had advertised for \$175. Within fifteen minutes he had bought the car."

Other purchasers also asked to see special cars mentioned in the ad and within five days I had sold everything I had that would roll.

"I now have a new lot of good cars; but they need fixing up. I won't sell a car unless it is in good shape. Mechanics are working on them now, though, and next week, I'll have some more bargain offers. And you can bet I'll advertise them in the Scout."

Editor's note:—The above statement was entirely unsolicited. If you doubt it, ask Franklin.

SCOUT NOW IN 54th PUBLICATION YEAR

With this issue the SCOUT begins publication in its 54th consecutive year.

Although published under a number of different men and firms, the Scout has always been maintained as one of the best weekly newspapers within any area in the United States according to population and business. It is the aim of the present publisher, Victor C. Olmsted, to maintain and raise this standard from year to year.

At present the Scout, in addition to the huge circulation in this immediate territory, goes into homes in 35 states of the union and three outlying territories.

Schools in Murphy Unit Scheduled To Open on August 28

All schools in the Murphy unit will open Thursday, August 28, according to an announcement this week by H. Bueck, superintendent. Many improvements and repairs have been and are being made to the buildings in preparation. School buses will be allowed to run a day early for the registration, in lieu of a new law passed in the last legislature.

Enrollment of local students is expected to total about 100 less than last year, due to the opening of a high school at Hiwassee Dam. The rapid influx of TVA families is expected to more than make up this deficit, however.

In view of the decrease in enrollment in Murphy, the number of teachers in the high school has been reduced by three; but the increased enrollment caused by the TVA may make an adjustment necessary in the teacher personnel.

The entire faculty of the Murphy school has not yet been employed. Bueck said, but the vacancies are expected to be filled soon. Resignations of Misses Lide, Faircloth and Brown, members of last year's staff caused the vacancies.

FRACTURED SKULL IS FATAL AFTER 3 MONTHS LAPSE

Arthur Green Injured At Dam, Goes Back to Hospital, and Dies

An injury from which he was twice thought to have practically recovered caused the death, last Saturday of Arthur Green, about 55 years old, and for 26 years a resident of Andrews. Death was the result of a fractured skull.

Mr. Green was injured last May while working at the Nantahala Dam project. Standing on a platform he was struck by a falling rock which knocked him to the ground, where he landed on his head.

Taken to Angel Hospital, in Franklin, he was at first believed to be suffering only from a concussion. Later it was decided that he had sustained a small fracture of the skull, but the injury was not believed to be of a fatal nature. The patient rallied under treatment, and finally was allowed to return to his home in Andrews.

After his return he found it im-

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Two Men Kill 45 Copperheads in A Group On Highway to Murphy From Ranger

If Alden Cook who lives near Ranger, and W. R. Hopkins, an official of the Bell Telephone Company had been drinking "splo," they would have thought they were seeing snakes that weren't there. But these snakes were real. And there were 45 of them—deadly copperheads at that!

Also, believe it or not Messers. Cooke and Hopkins killed all 45.

It happened when the two men were on their way to Murphy Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hopkins had been supervising the stringing of new telephone wires to subscribers in the Ranger section.

Suddenly a copperhead snake, a little more than three feet long slithered out of the grass onto highway, directly in front of the two. Following closely behind was a veritable swarm of smaller ones, of lengths ranging from eight to twelve inches. Evidently it was mother and family, bound for some point on the other side of the road.

TVA BEGINS HUGE HOUSING PLAN IN PROJECTS AREAS

Program to Relieve Congested Condition Of Town and Section

Clearance work for foundation for a cafeteria and for tent and housing accommodations on approximately 200 men and 70 families was begun this week on three separate sites in Murphy. At the same time preparations were being made at Farmer and Hiwassee village for the accommodation of large numbers of workers.

The site selected for the cafeteria is on Tennessee street in the point at the confluence of Hiwassee and Valley rivers, near the home of Porter Axley. Provision is also being made at this site for several houses.

A large number of tents to provide sleeping quarters for single workmen and houses for families are going under construction on the Bear properties on Hiwassee street and at the temporary construction offices site along the river near the Murphy ice plant.

TVA Housing officials in charge of this project stated it was expected that the present congested condition of this section, especially in Murphy, would be greatly relieved by these new living and eating additions, this being the primary purpose of the program.

These officials made a thorough survey of the town and its living accommodations before laying out plans in an effort to best meet conditions and overcome housing problems. Mayor Mayfield and other town officials conferred on the situation with the TVA and a definite plan was laid out.

Several temporary office tents have been erected on the Hiwassee street site near the ice plant and heavy trucks and other machinery located for the construction work necessary for the housing projects.

Personnel offices have been opened

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School Superintendents Leave for Conference

Mr. H. Bueck, superintendent of the Murphy school unit, and Lloyd Hendrix, superintendent of the county school unit, left Wednesday to attend a conference of all school superintendents in the state at Manteo Thursday and Friday.

Discussion for the conference will center around the 12-year teacher retirement law passed in the last legislature and the defense training program in state schools.

Seeing the men, the mother snake stopped ready to fight for herself and her young. Cooke got a rock and hurled it. His aim was perfect. The rock struck the big snake on the head and stunned her. Then Cooke quickly picked up a club and killed her.

Meanwhile Hopkins also had gotten a club, and was killing the smaller snakes. Both men say not one of the youngsters tried to run, but, true to breed, stood their ground and struck at the flailing clubs.

After about half had been killed, the rest of the baby snakes decided they had enough, and tried to escape. This was prevented by the two men, who used their long sticks to hoist the reptiles back into the center of the highway until he last one had been killed. Then Cooke and Hopkins counted the bodies. There were exactly 45, including the mother snake.

The litter is believed to set a record.