

L. E. MAUNEY, 94, NOTED EDUCATOR TAKEN BY DEATH

Played Leading Part In Establishing Public Schools in County

Death robbed Murphy of its oldest and one of its most widely known and best loved citizens Tuesday morning when it took Prof. L. E. ("Cur") Mauney, after a short illness. He was known, probably, to every man, woman and child in the mountain counties, and in nearby Georgia and Tennessee.

Until weakness, born of his many years prevented, he made daily trips to the down town section of Murphy, walking both to and from his home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist church, at 2:30 o'clock with the Reverends A. B. Cash and H. L. Paisley officiating. The Rev. C. B. Newton, Prof. Mauney's pastor had been called out of town and was unable to return in time.

Mr. Mauney was born five miles east of Murphy, April 4, 1847. Receiving his early education in the Murphy school, he later attended the University of North Carolina where he graduated in law in 1879.

Lawyer and teacher, known throughout Cherokee County as "Professor" Mauney, he practiced law for ten years and spent 43 years teaching. He obtained the first charter from the State for a high school. He also played a leading part in bringing about the erection of the first high school building in Murphy, and was appointed the first superintendent of the grammar and high schools. Professor Mauney also taught in schools of Texas and Georgia, and in Graham and Clay counties, in North Carolina.

He was equally prominent in religious work. Joining the Methodist church when 18 years old, he served, for many years as superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Married to Miss Eliza Haralson, of Blairsville, Ga. in 1882, he was the father of nine children, seven of whom survive. They are: Tom Mauney, Mrs. W. T. Cooper, and Mrs. N. J. Lauris, all of Murphy; Mrs. S. S. Christopher, of Atlanta; Mrs. Ralph Harbin, Maryville, Tenn.; R. H. Pope, Knoxville; and Frank L. Mauney, Newnan, Ga.

He also is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Clara Sherill, Knoxville, and Mrs. Mary Darns, St. Louis, Mo., and a number of grand, great-grand and great-great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers at the funeral were: Col. Harry Cooper, Walter Mauney, Harve Elkins, Paul Hyatt.

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Merle Davis, Bombed At Pearl Harbor, Safe Says Letter To "Folks"

Here is a letter from Pearl Harbor, written the day after the bombing, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, of Grandview by their son, Merle, who is in the army in Hawaii. The letter had been censored but nothing blacked out.

"Dear Father and Mother: the mail service will necessarily be a little irregular, so don't be alarmed with the irregularity of letters. I am ok and in need of nothing. I don't think I have ever given you my A. S. N. (Army serial number). It is 14049426.

"I don't know how much trouble it will be for you to draw my money out of the bank without my signature, but if possible draw it out and buy defense bonds with all of it. I intended to request this some time ago but neglected it.

"If you can't buy the bonds in my name buy them in yours.

John Henry Axley Passes On, Aged 42; Rites Held Sunday

John Henry Axley, 42, year old head of the trucking company that bears his name died in an Atlanta hospital Saturday morning, following an illness of several months. Death was the result of a heart affliction.

His wife was at his bedside when the end came.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, in the Methodist church in Murphy, with the Ivie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Friends from all over the county came to pay last solemn tribute to one of the most popular young business men of this section.

The Rev. C. B. Newton, pastor of the Murphy Methodist Church and the Rev. E. J. Harbeson, pastor of the Biltmore Methodist Church, Biltmore, N. C., officiated, and interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Surviving are Mr. Axley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Axley, his widow, Mrs. Lela Axley, a son, John and a daughter, Marion. He also is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Garrison Maneval, of Hendersonville; Mrs. Glenn Bates and Mrs. John Davidson, both of Murphy, and a number of relatives throughout the county.

Active pallbearers were Messrs. Walter Mauney, John Brittain, Harve G. Elkins, Ed Jedrick, Elmer Stiles, Toma Mauney, Vinson Stiles and Robert Akin.

Honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. Abe Hembree, Howard Moody, R. G. Bueck, Sheridan Stiles, K. C. Wright, Frank Ellis, Jim Gibbs, W. H. Murray, J. W. Davidson, Porter Axley, Dr. Harry Miller and E. E. Stiles.

FIGHT RENEWED TO GET GEORGIA TO PAVE "NO. 60"

State Legislator Plans To Urge Action Now As "Good Politics"

Cecil G. Hartness, native of Cherokee County but now of Mineral Bluff, whence he was elected last year to the Georgia Legislature, visited the Scout office Tuesday and declared he still hoped to get Gov. Talmadge to pave the nine miles of ruts, holes and mud on Highway No. 60, leading to Atlanta.

He said he plans telling the Governor and the Georgia State Highway Commission that unless this stretch is improved, completion of the proposed new road to Challa-nooga will not only divert hundreds of thousands of tourists away from Georgia every year, but will cost Atlanta the trade of this section, permanently, in favor of the Tennessee city.

Hartness sees some hope of action in a letter he received from Gov. Talmadge declaring that he (Talmadge) was "very much interested in this road", and urging Hartness to "keep after the Highway Commission".

Meanwhile, Hartness has sent Talmadge and the Highway Board members a letter, signed by the legislative representatives of all the counties between the N. C. State line and Atlanta, including Fulton County, this letter points out the importance of the link, and pleads for immediate action.

On his most recent visit to Atlanta, Hartness said, he had a long conference with the Highway Commissioners, in a group; but could accomplish nothing. The Commissioners would not even promise to request Federalization of the nine mile stretch, until "some future time".

Backed with the support of the legislature, the unanimous endorsement of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the backing of every business man along the entire route to the Capital, Hartness now plans advancing from a different angle.

"This stretch of road has been a political football" he told the Scout. "Every candidate for the Governorship promises to do something—and then goes back on his word.

"I intend to remind Gov. Talmadge and his aides, that if he plans to run for reelection—which is regarded as likely—he cannot expect to get the support of the counties between Carolina and Atlanta unless he does something now. If he waits until campaign time, and then makes promises, nobody will believe him.

"We want that stretch of road paved as a matter of right and justice. It is vital to our economic welfare. If we can't get it on those grounds, we'll have to try and get it as a matter of good politics."

Farm Land Neglected As Men Work For TVA

Of the \$19,000 appropriated for payment to Clay County farmers for Triple A improvement practices, less than half will be earned this year, according to Fred Scroggs, Supervisor for Brasstown township. He said:

"Nearly every time I would call the County Agent to ask whether a farmer was doing all he could to earn his full share I would be told: 'The man is off with the TVA, earning \$8 a day'."

Cable From Lt. Miller In Manila Says "All OK"

Mrs. Mel Miller received a telegram from her son, Lieut. "Bill" Miller U. S. Army Medical Corps, who is stationed in Manila. The message was a holiday greeting, and stated that everything was "all right."

Tire Rationing Board Appointed for County; Task Begins Monday

Gov. Broughton has named the three men who will have the thankless job of telling Cherokee County auto owners they can't have any new tires. They are: Town Clerk E. O. Christopher and Police Chief Fred Johnson, of Murphy, and Police Chief Frank Mehaffey, of Andrews.

The three, comprising the County's Tire Rationing Board will go to Asheville Saturday for a meeting of groups from the 19 counties of Western North Carolina. They will receive final instructions from former Mayor Pen H. Douglas, of Charlotte, the Assistant State Director for Civilian Defense.

Rationing will begin Monday. Ban on tire sales will be lifted, then, but it will be practically impossible for the average passenger car or taxi owner to get a "ration".

T. D. Hickey Aged 71, Ex-Commissioner, Claimed by Death

Former County Commissioner T. D. Hickey, 71 years old, died at his home in Suit on Tuesday, Dec. 30. He was a lifelong resident of Cherokee County and for 45 years was an active member of the Friendship Baptist church. He also was a Mason, of 35 years standing.

Funeral services were set for New Year's day, at one o'clock P. M. Central time, in the Friendship church, with interment in the church-yard cemetery. The Reverends Fred Stiles, of Murphy Route 3 and C. C. Conley, of Blairsville were to officiate, with Ivie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Hickey is survived by his widow and eight children: Mrs. Nora McNabb, of Suit; Mrs. Leora McNabb, Culberson; Mrs. Vesta Pack, and Mrs. Bertha Hamby, Akron, O.; Mrs. Margaret Mason, Ducktown; Mrs. Ruth Bryant, Patrick, Howard Hickey, Turtletown, and Hayden Hickey, of Akron, O.

Rev. Grant Folmsbee Ordained And Assigned As Rector In Murphy

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, in Murphy last summer as student rector of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah, has returned from his studies at Yale with the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology, and will be here permanently. He was ordained here last Sunday by Bishop Robert E. Gribbin, D. D. assisted by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin.

The Rev. Folmsbee will conduct services every Sunday morning at 11 A. M.

Red Cross Starts \$1,000 "Blitzkrieg" For War Work, With Joe Ray Chairman

A \$1,000 drive for war relief got under way Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Joe Ray, who started right out and raised more than \$100 from those attending the meeting.

The drive is being made by the Cherokee County Chapter of the Red Cross, and is entirely separate from the annual roll call. The latter is for peace-time work: floods, fires and other disasters. The present drive is to raise fifty million dollars throughout the nation for mercy work with our armed forces.

War relief drives have already been completed in Clay County and in Andrews, Andrews, with a quota of \$500, raised more than \$600 in less than two weeks.

In addition to being in charge of the war relief drive, Joe Ray also will function during the year as Roll Call chairman, succeeding Mrs. C. W. Savage who retires after several years of remarkably efficient service. Ray was chosen at a meeting

BIG CHAIN TAKES OVER OWNERSHIP OF REGAL HOTEL

C. W. Savage To Go Under Knife; Then To Build Home, Store

The Regal Hotel in Murphy, has been sold.

After twenty one years of operating the big brick hostelry, which probably is the largest in the extreme Western Counties of the State as well as in nearby Georgia and Tennessee, C. W. Savage has decided to retire from active business. Plans of his brother, Will Savage, who is part owner of the hotel, are not known.

The Regal has been purchased by Howard L. Dayton, of Albany, Georgia; head of a chain which operates eight large hostelries throughout the South, most of them in smaller cities.

The new owner will take over active operation on New Year's day. He probably will remain in Murphy for a brief period, to get things running smoothly. Later, it is expected, he will turn the management over to one of the executives of his chain. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Mr. C. W. Savage plans to build a combined home and business establishment on the corner property directly across from the Regal and next to the Parker building. The lot, which measures 30 by 93 feet is considered one of the best business sites in town. Mr. C. W. Savage has owned it for twenty years, and has refused dozens of offers, some of them for fat prices, to sell.

The retiring hotel man plans erecting a two or three story building. The first floor will be rented out for business purposes. The upper story, or stories will be used by Mr. Savage, his wife and such of his family as may be at home, as a residence. While the building is being constructed, Mr. and Mrs. Savage their son, Bert, and the latter's family, will continue to live at the Regal this time as guests.

Mr. Savage was not prepared to say who would rent the business part of the proposed new building. He said he had received several applications from would-be tenants.

It is reported that the best offer was made by the proprietors of the five and ten cent store adjoining the property. Mr. Lay is said to wish to enlarge his establishment, and if he can come to terms with Mr. Savage, he will cut a large entrance in his side wall, leading into the new building.

Before starting any building operations, however, Mr. Savage plans going to Atlanta, next Sunday, where he will undergo a major operation.

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County "Home Clubs" Elect Officers And Map Program Based on War Needs

Officers for Home Demonstration clubs throughout the County have been elected for the year 1942 and the various groups will get down to business on their new program, based on war needs, with the January meetings.

The meetings for the coming month have all been set for one o'clock in the afternoon E. S. T. and all clubs will feature a discussion of what Farm Families Face in 1942. A skit entitled "The Adams Family Plans for 1942" will also be presented. Every Home Demonstration club member is asked to bring at least one non-member guest.

Officers of the various clubs follow:

- BELLVIEW**
President, Mrs. Clyde McNabb; Vice President, Mrs. Edd King; Secretary and Treasure, Mrs. Guy Hill; Song Leader, Mrs. Bill Hatchett.
- SUIT**
President, Mrs. E. K. Chambly;

Vice President, Mrs. Jim Wood; Secretary and Treasure, Mrs. Stanley Wood; Song Leader, Mrs. Charlie Wood.

TOMOTLA

President, Mrs. Robert Hall; Vice President, Mrs. Bob Lowe; Secretary and Treasure, Miss Evelyn Stiles; Song Leader, Mrs. Bill Palmer.

MARTIN'S CREEK

President, Mrs. Florence Smith; Vice President, Mrs. S. W. Kelsier; Secretary and Treasure, Mrs. Ernest Hughes; Song Leader, Mrs. Benn Mann.

RANGER

President, Mrs. Dot Hayes; Vice President, Miss Medley Fox; Secretary and Treasure, Mrs. Charles Kilpatrick; Song Leader, Mrs. Charles Fox.

BEAVER DAM

President, Mrs. Maude Radford; Vice President, Mrs. Bertha Radford; Secretary and Treasure, Mrs. Lillie

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Chairman Joe Ray has divided the lower end of the county into districts, and plans a "blitzkrieg" drive to raise the \$1,000 war relief fund in record time. He will be assisted by an able corps of workers.